

THE SOWER SOWS THE WORD
MESSAGE 7: DEVELOPING GOOD GROUND, PART 2
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• **FOUNDATION SCRIPTURES:**

○ **FROM THE MESSAGE:**

- (Luke 6:46) "Why are you so polite with me, always saying 'Yes, sir,' and 'That's right, sir,' **but never doing a thing I tell you?**
- (Luke 6:47) **These words I speak to you** are not mere additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. **They are foundation words, words to build a life on.**
- (Luke 6:48) "**If you work the words into your life,** you are like a smart carpenter who dug deep and laid the foundation of his house on bedrock. When the river burst its banks and crashed against the house, nothing could shake it; it was built to last.

I. **Heed What You Hear and How You Hear it:**

- a. Mark 4:13-20, 24
 - i. Verse 24: Heed = observe, pay close attention to
 1. A serious, steady (or continual) look
 2. Look = to anticipate an event with a joyful preparation
- b. Luke 8:10-15, 18
- c. Matthew 13:17-23
- d. Proverbs 4:13, 18, 20-27
 - i. Verse 13: the Bible & Church time are instruction time, aids & manuals for life in the Kingdom of God
 - ii. Every increase in "Light" is an increase in "FAITH"
 - iii. Verse 23: (Luke 9:62) And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.
 - iv. Verse 23: (1Corinthians 9:10) [The Message] Don't you think his concern extends to us? Of course. Farmers plow and thresh expecting something when the crop comes in.

II. **Satan Comes Immediately**

- a. James 1:13-19
 - i. Verse 19: Swift to Hear (spiritual ears to hear)
- b. Mark 4:16-17
 - i. Verse 17: no roots, no confidence (no faith)
- c. Matthew 13:18-19
- d. Luke 8:12-13
- e. James 1:2-8
 - i. Test & Trials from Satan do NOT perfect our Faith
 - ii. Only the Word of God can perfect our faith

III. **Sowing Among Thorns [BLESSING Blockers]**

- a. Mark 4:18-19
 - i. The Thorns are described in Verse 19
- b. 2 Corinthians 10:3-6
 - i. Verse 4: The Armor of God which is the Word of God is our weapons in which to fight the devil's trials (Ephesians 6)
 - ii. Verse 5: "casting down" = put the Word of God in and cast out the doubt and unbelief
 - iii. Lester Sumeral = "Feed your faith and starve your doubts"