

THE SOWER SOWS THE WORD
MESSAGE 9: DEVELOPING GOOD GROUND, PART 4
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• **FOUNDATION:**

- The Word of God is SEED: Luke 8:11
 - Seed **MUST** be planted to Grow.
 - Seed **MUST** be Watered to Grow
 - Weeds **MUST** be kept off the Seed & the Plant
 - The Plant that comes from the SEED **MUST** have LIGHT.
- Plowing and Tilling = overturn the crust, break up the stagnant, hard clumps and bring the Good Soil to the Top
 - Praise, Worship and Thanksgiving is Spiritual Plowing & Tilling
- Seed **MUST** be given time to develop and Grow [Patience]
 - The Standard Operation of the Kingdom of God:
 - Mark 4:26 & 30
- To Develop Good Ground we, the Body of Christ, **MUST**:
 - Matthew 13:23 = “hear and understand the word of God”
 - Mark 4:20 = “hear and receive the Word of God
 - Luke 8:15 = “have an Honest heart, hear and keep with Patience (consistency and endurance) the Word of God
 - Honest = self-examination = do I have any of the grounds that don’t produce in me?
 - Wayside Ground = hear but don’t understand
 - Stoney Ground = refuse to believe God’s Word
 - Sown among Thorns = allow the cares of this world to enter in

I. **Developing GOOD Ground**

- a. Mark 4:20
- b. What does it take to make the ground productive?
 - i. Proverbs 4:13, 18 = sound instruction from God’s Word
 - 1. 2 Peter 1:19
 - 2. Romans 12:2
 - ii. Hebrews 10:25 = a good Bible Believing, Teaching Church
 - iii. 2 Timothy 2:15-16
 - iv. Joshua 1:8
 - 1. Psalm 1:1-3

II. **God Gave us His Word to:**

- a. To Provide us with God’s Knowledge and Wisdom
 - i. Colossians 1:9 = know and understand God’s Will
 - ii. Proverbs 4:7 = Wisdom is the Principal Thing

- b. Build Faith (Romans 10:17)
- c. Build Spiritual Strength [Joy]
 - i. Ephesians 3:16-17
 - ii. John 15:11 = God's Spoken Word should bring Joy
 - 1. Most are waiting for results for Joy to set in
 - 2. Jerry Savelle's Teaching (book): "If Satan Can't Steal Your Joy... He Can't Keep Your Goods"

III. **BLESSING Blockers are Producing nonproductive Ground:**

- a. Traditions of Men should be fought like we fight sin
 - i. Mark 7:13
 - ii. Colossians 2:8
 - 1. We have to ask ourselves; "is what is being taught scriptural truth?"
 - 2. Be like the Bereans: Acts 17:11 – search the scripture DAILY to see if those things preached were true.
 - iii. 2 Timothy 3:5 = the form of godliness that denies the Power of is Religion (a rootless foundation of Christianity) that has no stability
 - 1. The error in the Sovereignty of God
 - 2. Sovereignty of God = God makes the Laws and He follows His own Laws and expects us to do likewise

IV. **Stand Firm on God's Word**

- a. Ephesians 6:14
- b. (Eph 6:14) [*Amplified Classic Version*] Stand therefore [*hold your ground*], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity *and* of moral rectitude *and* right standing with God,
 - i. Loins = the place of generative Power (the place where God's Power is Generated in our life: THE HEART (Spirit of Man))
 - ii. Integrity = wholeness, an unbroken state, unimpaired state
 - iii. The Whole Armor Starts with the TRUTH