

The Key To Living An Abundantly Fruitful Life

Parables: Common Stories / Kingdom Lessons

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Kingdom Lesson: The fruitfulness of your life will be determined by your receptivity to God's Word.

INTRODUCTION

How can I be more receptive to God's Word?

Mark 4:1-9—The Parable of the Sower

Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge.

² He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: ³ "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times."

⁹ Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

I. Realize There Are Different Responses To God's Word

1. Hard Heart (vs. 15)
2. Shallow Heart (vs. 16-17)
3. Distracted Heart (vs. 18-19)
4. Receptive Heart (vs. 20)

II. Identify Your Heart Towards God's Word

III. Make The Decision To Radically Receive And Obey God's Word

IV. Trust God To Abundantly Bless Your Obedience