

INTEGRITY OF GOD'S WORD (Outline)

Mark 4:26-29, "And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; ²⁷And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. ²⁸For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. ²⁹But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."

THE most important thing to growth in the Christian life is a knowledge of God's Word and understanding its power.

The only way you can understand the Spirit is through the Word of God. The Word is Spirit and life. John 6:63, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

In the same way that you can't grow a crop without planting a seed, you can't have God's life transformed into your physical realm without taking the seed of God's Word and planting it in your heart. The fight is over the seed.

Mark 4:14-20, "The sower soweth the word. ¹⁵And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. ¹⁶And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; ¹⁷And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. ¹⁸And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, ¹⁹And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. ²⁰And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred."

The Bible compares the Word of God to a seed. Just as you cannot understand how a seed can produce a plant, you cannot understand how reading God's Word can change you and cause God's life to come alive in you. Mark 4:26-27, "And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; ²⁷And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how."

Reading and letting God's Word saturate you changes your attitude, your perceptions and your experience.

The earth was made to incubate, germinate and release the life of the seed, as so your heart was made for the Word of God. God's Word was created to be placed in your heart as a seed and then your heart was designed to automatically release the power of God to change the way things work in your life. Mark 4:28, "For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."

There are steps to growth, maturity and receiving from God. You must first plant the Word. Then hope, followed by faith, will produce the victory.

God has provided everything we need through the atonement of the Lord Jesus. He produced His Word—the seed—and it's our job to take the seed, sow it in our hearts and meditate on it until it releases His life.

Mark 4:35-41, "And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. ³⁶And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. ³⁷And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. ³⁸And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? ³⁹And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? ⁴¹And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

God's Word has everything you need to succeed and have victory in every area of your life. It's in seed form in the Word of God. As you read and think on these seeds, they'll take root and will be able to stop the storms in your life.

God's Word will not work without being mixed with faith in your heart. The Word has all the power you'll ever need, but it has to be put in your heart and mixed with faith for it to release its power.

The most important thing you'll ever do in your Christian life is to have a regular intake of God's Word mixed with faith.