**Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church - BIBLE STUDY 9/11**

**LET’S LEARN DEEPER AND PRESS TO DO BETTER.**

**REAFFIRMING STEWARDSHIP**

**“MOMENT OF SILENCE HONOR THOSE LOSS IN THE 9/11 ATTACK!”**

PICKING UP ON LAST WEEKS CLOSING POINTS…

-SEEDS ARE CREATED TO BE SOWN. HOWEVER, THE TIME TO PLANT DEPENDS ON HOW THE SEED WILL BE USED.

-TO REAP THE HARVEST OF PLANTED SEED, ONE MUST BE PATIENT AND NEVER GIVE UP.

STEWARDSHIP SEEDS INVOLVE MANY ASPECTS OF LIFE SEEDS:

FINANCIAL

MATERIAL

TIME

TALENTS/GIFTS

ENVIRONMENTAL

SPIRITUAL

RELATIONAL

THE SERMONIC MESSAGE SUNDAY HAD TO DO WITH STEWARDS OF HOPE.  BELIEVING THAT THE PRAYERS OF THE RIGHTEOUS HAS POWER TO MOVE GOD TO MANIFESTATION.

THE CHURCH PRAYED

GOD MOVED

POWER OPENED UNMANNED GATES

BUT ONE GATE HAD TO OVERCOME **IMPROPERLY GROWN PRAYER SEEDS.**

**WHEN FAVOR IS ON YOUR LIFE…YOU EXPERIENCE GOD NOW AND LATER…REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS IN THE MEANTIME.**

SOMETIMES WE MISS OUT ON WHAT GOD IS DOING BECAUSE WE DON’T EXPECT IT TO ACTUALLY HAPPEN OR OUR FAITH FOR IT TO HAPPEN RUNS OUT.

**QUESTION: HAS YOUR FAITH EVER RAN OUT AND GOD STILL MANIFESTED YOUR REQUEST?**

**I. Pray with a reverent mind focused on the Lord’s power**

**(Matthew 6:5-6)**

[Matthew 6:5-6](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Matt%206.5-6) “When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 6 “But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

-TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR HEART AND WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD HEARS.

THE PURPOSE OF EVERY SEED IS TO GROW.  NO MATTER WHAT TYPE OF SEED IT IS…IT WAS CREATED TO GROW, OR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING IS “TO BECOME.”

DR. TONY EVANS HAD A GREAT QUOTE REGARDING THE MATURITY OF SEEDS AND I QUOTE: …”THE GROWTH OF THE SEED HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SEED ITSELF; THE SUCCESS OF THE SEED HAD EVERYTHING TO DO WITH WHERE IT LANDED.”

Many times people will think even if they don’t say it out loud “God‘s Word doesn’t work.” The word is taught, but nothing is different in my life. Jesus wants us to know this parable so we understand that if nothing is different about us it’s not the problem of the seed the issue is where you allow the seed to fall, which is why we have to check the ground of our hearts of which the seed has landed .

**QUESTION: IS IT HARDER NOW TO WAIT ON THE LORD THAN BEFORE?**

**IF SO, WHY?**

**TONIGHTS REAFFIRMING STEWARDSHIP STUDY TEXT…**

LUKE 8:4-15

**4**Now when a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a parable: **5**“The sower went out to sow his seed;

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and as he sowed,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

some fell beside the road, and it was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the sky ate it up. **6**Other *seed* fell on rocky *soil*, and when it came up, it withered away because it had no moisture. **7**Other *seed* fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out. **8**And *yet* other *seed* fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as much.” As He said these things, He would call out, “The one who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**9**Now His disciples *began* asking Him what this parable meant.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**10**And He said, “To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *they are told* in parables, so that while seeing they may not see, and while hearing they may not understand.

**-YOU HAVE BEEN FAVORED FOR FUTURE UNDERSTANDING AND WORK.  YOU ARE NOW BEING SET APART TO NURTURE SEEDS FOR SPIRITUAL STEWARDSHIP.**

**11**“Now this is the parable: the seed is the word of God.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**12**And those beside the road are **the ones who have heard, then the devil comes** **and takes away the word from their heart**, so that they will not believe and be saved.

**-WE ARE REAFFIRMING STEWARDSHIP THAT THE DEVIL IS TRYING TO TAKE AWAY.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**13**Those on the rocky *soil are* the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and *yet* these do not have a *firm* root; they believe for a while, and in a time of temptation they fall away. **14**And the *seed* which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked by worries, riches, and pleasures of *this* life, and they bring no fruit to maturity. **15 But the *seed* in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word with a good and virtuous heart, and hold it firmly, and produce fruit with perseverance.**