

Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.” **Matthew 13:3-9 (NIV)**

3 INGREDIENTS FOR GROWTH

1. THE SOWERS JOB IS ESSENTIAL, BUT THE POWER IS IN THE SEED.

*As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:10-11 (NIV)*

2. CAST SEED ON ANY GROUND WITHOUT JUDGING THE READINESS OR RESPONSE OF THE SOIL.

*He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.” **Mark 4:26-29 (NIV)***

3. TRUST IN THE SEED AND THE SEASON.

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. **Galatians 6:9 (NIV)***

THIS WEEK'S READING:

MAR 12: MATT. 14:1-21; LEV. 20-21; PROV. 30

MAR 13: MATT. 14:22-36; LEV. 22-23; PROV. 31

MAR 14: MATT. 15:1-20; LEV. 24-25; ECCLES. 1:1-11

MAR 15: MATT. 15:21-39; LEV. 26-27; ECCLES. 1:12-2:26

MAR 16: MATT. 16; NUM. 1-2; ECCLES. 3:1-15

MAR 17: MATT. 17; NUM. 3-4; ECCLES. 3:16-4:16

MAR 18: MATT. 18:1-20; NUM. 5-6; ECCLES. 5

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