

Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seed. As he scattered it across his field, some of the seed fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate it. Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seed sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. But the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it didn't have deep roots, it died. Other seed fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants so they produced no grain. Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they sprouted, grew, and produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!

Mark 4:3-8 (NLT)

EVERYTHING YOU BUILD WILL BE TESTED. YOU DON'T KNOW THE QUALITY OF WHAT YOU'VE BUILT *UNTIL* IT'S TESTED.

THE INSIDE CREATES, SHAPES, AND DEFINES THE OUTSIDE.

THE GREATEST OBSTACLES OR BARRIERS BETWEEN YOU AND THE FUTURE YOU WANT ARE *INSIDE YOU, NOT OUTSIDE!*

THE GREATEST THEFT IS NOT TAKING FROM WHAT YOU HAVE. IT'S KEEPING YOU FROM GETTING WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO HAVE.

IS THERE A "TOOL BOX" OR SET OF CORE COMPETENCIES THAT SUPPORT A MULTI-DECADE ADVENTURE OF INTIMACY AND IMPACT / PASSION AND PURPOSE?

1. Band of Brothers/Sisters
2. Develop a conversational relationship with God through journaling.
3. Go to God 1st and most for everything you need.
4. Kill your ANTs. (Automatic Negative Thoughts)

Now, as you can see, the LORD has kept me alive and well as he promised for all these forty-five years since Moses made this promise-even while Israel wandered in the wilderness. Today I am eighty-five years old. I am as strong now as I was when Moses sent me on that journey, and I can still travel and fight as well as I could then.

Joshua 14:10-11 (NLT)

Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 Timothy 4: 15-16