



## Sowing, Knowing, and Growing

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**In Mark 4 Jesus helps us grow spiritually and walk in victory!**

**Jesus said that the seed is the Word of God and the soil represents your heart or spirit.** *Mark 4:14*

- **As the farmer sows seeds into the ground so we must sow or plant the Word of God into our lives.**
- **A seed has to be planted in order to produce a crop**
- **The Word of God has to be planted in you in order to produce results**
- **It has the potential to bring salvation, healing, and restoration into you life. To transform your life.**
- **But you have a responsibility to apply it to your life.**

#### **4 Ways You Plant the Word in Your Heart:**

- 1. Read the Bible on a consistent basis.**
  - **When you put the Word in you—the Word will come out of you when you need it.**
  - **We don't read the Bible to please God necessarily.**
  - **Keep reading it whether you understand everything or not.**
  - **God will speak to you and show you the things you need to know.**
- 2. Meditate on the Word throughout your day.**
  - **Instead of being tempting to worry, meditate on the promises that God has given you.**
  - **Let the Word wash your brain free of negative thoughts and lies that only produce chaos in your life.**
- 3. Listen to the preaching and teaching of the Word.**
  - **God anoints people to explain the Word of God to us.** *Romans 10:17*
- 4. Obey and act on the Word.**
  - **As you obey it—it will produce a mighty harvest in your life!**

#### **3 Things That Come to Steal the Word from Your Heart:**

- 1. Satan comes to steal the Word from you.**
  - **Satan is like those birds that came and ate the seed the farmer sowed.**
  - **Don't accept the lies that Satan will try to tell you.**
  - **Satan is after the Word of God in your heart because the Word is the wisdom of God.**
  - **Satan steals the Word from you by procrastination, the voice of others, accusation, and discouragement.**
- 2. The absence of roots and maturity.**
  - **You will go through trials, but Jesus will help you every step of the way.** *Proverbs 24:10*
  - **To develop roots and maturity, you must develop **CONSISTENCY** in your life.**



### 3. The Distractions of Life

- The distractions of life can be the worries of life, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desire for other things.
- We need to pray that God will show us anything that is distracting us from Him. *Hebrews 12:1*

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