

Saints

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This past Saturday morning at about 1:00 am as we were parked by a convenient store on the North side of town.....when all of a sudden we heard several gun shots.....so we immediately drove in the direction of the gun shots praying that we would be able to minister to someone(*people tend to listen to the Gospel when they get shot sometimes*) and started looking for Police cars....after a few minutes of driving we saw several Police cars with they're lights on.....one young man had been shot about 3 times from close range.....we started praying and asking GOD to keep this man alive if he was lost.....as we looked from a distance we saw that they were loading him up in the ambulance so we drove towards the hospital and waited for family members to show up at the emergency room lobby.....we waited for about 10 minutes when the first family member arrived.....it was a sister-in-law.....she was crying and she was even shaking with the thought of losing her brother-in-law.....so we walked over to her just let her know that we were praying for them already.....we had met the sister-in-law about 15 years earlier and a seed had been planted

that many years ago....

...a few minutes later the wife walked in crying and freaking out.....as I looked at her I knew that I had witnessed to her already.....so the HOLY SPIRIT reminded me.....that it had been several years ago that I had witness to her at a drive thru window at Taco Bell like at 2:00 am.....it had been about 9 years ago that we had planted a seed.....she came to us and she gave us a hug and cried a lot.....we were there till 5:00am.....last night the wife called and asked for me to come talk to them again.....so please pray for this family's salvation as we continue to share the Gospel with them.....If you are someone that is faithful in your witness in your home town.....you will see the fruit of it in due time.....the problem is.....that people want to see a harvest without planting the seed.....speak the word of GOD.....that's where the power of salvation is.....(*Romans 1:16*)

GOD's Word Is A Seed

Most people expect GOD's Word to work like a stick of dynamite you put fire to it and then bang! -- but GOD's Word is like a seed. We know because of what JESUS said.

Luke 8:11 (KJV)

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of GOD.

The HOLY SPIRIT, through Peter, also said GOD's Word is a seed.

1 Peter 1:23 (KJV)

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of GOD, which liveth and abideth for ever.

GOD's Word is alive. Just like a seed.....the Bible is full of unseen life and that's why we have to share these words with the lost that cross our paths everyday.

John 6:63 (KJV)

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

JESUS said HIS words are alive.....they contain life.....the words in your Bible may look lifeless and powerless.....that's the way **Seeds** are too.....but they are not without life or power.

In *Mark 4:30-31*, JESUS explained that the kingdom of GOD works like a **seed**.....so if we are to understand GOD's kingdom and how HE operates.....we need to understand **seeds**.

Seeds

*** A seed is alive: it contains life.**

Your physical senses are not able to tell whether a seed is alive or not.....You cannot see, feel, hear, smell, or taste the life in a **seed**.

There is only one way to prove a **seed** is alive.....you have to plant it.

*** A seed does nothing until you take the time to plant it.**

Seeds do not grow sitting in a sack on your shelf or in your storage shed.....they **must** be planted in the proper place and at the proper time
If you desire the Word of GOD to produce in your life, you must decide to plant the Word in your heart and mind.....if you want others to get saved you must plant the seed of GOD's word by speaking it to the lost and unbelievers.....this is why it's very important to read your Bible on a regular basis.....

The best way to plant the **seed** of GOD's Word in your life is by speaking the Word. Hearing others speak the Word is good too.....but will not produce as bountiful a harvest as speaking the Word yourself.

Speaking GOD's Word with your mouth is very important.....as we speak GOD's Word we are planting the **seed** in our heart for the harvest of results GOD desires for us.

*** A seed is much smaller than the plant it produces.....you cannot see any fruit unless you plant the seed.....**

Little did Brother Van Meter know that someday the seed that he planted in the summer of 1984 would grow like this.....

When I plant a seed.....I'm expecting a big harvest.....what are your expectations when you plant a seed?

*** A seed always produces after its kind.**

Galatians 6:7 (KJV)

Be not deceived; GOD is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

If you plant nothing you will get nothing.....If you plant into material stuff you will have plenty of it....but as we all know GOD has us here to plant the seed of HIS word so others can be saved.....so many times people get distracted with worldly things and entertainment and it keeps them from sowing seeds and the result is.....they never see any fruit.....

So if you want to see people get saved start planting seeds.....

*** A seed is powerful.**

As a seed begins to grow, it will push up dirt, rocks, etc.

Whatever the obstacles are, GOD's Word planted in their hearts will push them out of the way.

*** A seed begins its growth in secret (underground).**

The only way to tell if a seed is growing is to dig it up, or wait for a plant to appear. If you dig up a seed, you may kill it.

But there is much excitement when you see a little green sprout breaking through the dirt!

*** A seed takes time to produce.**

No one expects a seed to produce a harvest the same day that seed is planted. Sometimes the Word of GOD seems to spring up and bear fruit immediately.....if we knew the details.....we would understand that the fruit of the Word grew in that person's life over time.....most of the time people will go through a living hell.....but they always remember the word that was spoken!

*** A seed is persistent.**

Isaiah 55:11 (KJV)

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return

unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

A seed never gives up.....but instead it works day and night. Even when you are sleeping and going about the LORD's business.....the seed you have planted is working to grow and produce in a fruitful harvest.....but you have to plant the seed!

**** A seed is not affected by other seeds.***

Whatever happens to other seeds does not make any difference to a specific seed. Each seed is going to grow regardless of whatever other seeds are around it.....so when we plant a seed outside of the night club....it doesn't matter....that seed has been planted and it will grow..... One wheat seed planted in among weeds will still produce wheat. Seed does not become discouraged or quit even if other seeds die.....remember we're planting the word of GOD.....it's eternal

**** A seed will stop growing without being watered.....***

many times when I see a person that I witnessed to months ago....

I make it a point to go up to the person and water the seed.....again and again and again.....

Planting a seed is not enough to assure a harvest.....the seed must be protected and taken care of until harvest time. A seed which is dug up, or not watered, will not produce.....so when you plant a seed here in town....go back by and water the seed to keep it growing.....

**** More seeds planted produce a larger harvest.***

2 Cor. 9:6 (KJV)

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

So many Christians get discouraged because they never see fruit.....but have they even planted the seed!

Think on these truths about seeds. Allow the HOLY SPIRIT to help you apply them to the role of GOD's in your life.

You can plant seeds in people's lives that I will never be able too.....we all have seeds and we all need to plant them I plant seeds every single day.....and I really enjoy seeing GOD do the rest.....

we love you all let's get back to the harvest!