



The Person – Lesson 2

Your Life Is a Seed

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Read Matthew 4:26-29 & John 15:5

The metaphor of a seed represents the potential of a consecrated life set apart for God. When the seed dies it produces much life or a bountiful harvest. Jesus was the first seed to die. He died to His will and agenda which ultimately produced life for all of mankind. In order for a seed to produce, it requires a death, burial, and resurrection. Your life represents a seed. Are you willing to die to your will so Christ can resurrect you? Here's the process of a seed:

1. Seeds die. Like Jesus, your life is a seed. Are you willing to die to your own plans and seek the Father's? How does this happen?

- First, there must be a death to self-will and an abandonment to God. Your flesh or desires must die daily (I Corinthians 15:31; Galatians 2:20).
- Then you must totally submit to Christ. You must put your plans and agenda on the altar like Jesus and say, "not My will, but Yours, be done." Luke 22:42b, NKJV

2. Seeds must be nurtured. In order for seeds to grow they need water, sunlight, and fertile soil. As a seed, you must nurture yourself daily in the Word of God, prayer, praise, and worship so you can spiritually grow.

- Studying the word of God is essential. "Meditate on [the Word] day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it." Joshua 1:8b, NIV
- Then offer the word of God continually as a sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13:15) daily.
- Pray continually about all things (I Thessalonians 5:17).

3. Seeds go through a germination process. Just as a natural seed goes through germination before it blossoms, so you must also endure a spiritual process.

- Change your way of thinking by renewing it in the word of God (Romans 12:2).
- Study day and night so your foundation is rooted in God's word to bear good fruit (Joshua 1:8; Psalms 1:2-3).
- Allow your life to be completely set apart for God's plan and purpose (Deuteronomy 7:6-7).

4. Seeds produce fruit. When you die to your way of doing things and embrace God's plan, you will begin to produce fruit (John 12:24). This should reflect the fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) which is the character of Christ.

5. A harvest comes from seeds. When a seed falls on good, fertile soil, it has the potential to produce a thirty, sixty or hundredfold harvest (Mark 4:1-20). When you allow the word of God to take root in your spirit, God's purpose will produce an abundant harvest for His kingdom through your service and dedication to the Lord.

Conclusion:

As a seed, God is calling you to die to your self-will and totally surrender to Him. When a seed goes into the ground and dies, its old life or form is buried in the dirt. When it resurrects it takes on a new nature like a tree, a plant, or a flower. The same is true for you. When you die to your old nature (your way of thinking and living) you take on a new identity in Christ. "Old things have passed away and all things are new" (I Corinthians 5:17). Your life will begin to bring forth God's plans and purposes, and you will be a bountiful harvest for the Kingdom. Christ's assertion is that one life, one man, or one woman can have an infinite value and eternal impact.

Reflect:

- How are you currently adding value to the Kingdom of God?
- In the future, how do you plan on affecting eternity for the Kingdom?