

Get It Together – Pt. 02: Connect It Together

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When my kids were small and we took walks together, all I had to do was open my hand to give a signal. Right away they would put their hand in mine. No words said, just holding hands... connected. This message talks about the right connections.

Be blessed!

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It all has to do with our connectedness to Jesus.

Scriptures – All Scriptures – New Living Translation

Matthew 6:10

¹⁰ May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.

Matthew 7:21-23

²¹ “Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. ²² On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ ²³ But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’

Matthew 22:37-40

³⁷ Jesus replied, “ ‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Matthew 13:3-9

³ He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one:

“Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. ⁴ As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn’t have deep roots, they died. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. ⁸ Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! ⁹ Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”

Matthew 13:19-23

¹⁹ The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don’t understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. ²⁰ The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. ²¹ But since they don’t have deep roots, they don’t last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word. ²² The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced. ²³ The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God’s word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”

When we are strong in Jesus, we won't lose it when the 'its' of life come our way.

Main Points:

1. Heaven's Agenda
2. A Great Concern
3. Needed: (The Right) Connection
4. Three Key Connections
5. Three Disconnects
6. Needed: Good Soil

Digging Deeper:

Revelation

- How do we live the Lord *all out*?
- How are we to love our neighbor?
- What does it mean to be *good soil*?

Interpretation

- Why is it important to stay connected with the *wine* and not just the *wineskin*?
- How are we to *seek* the Lord?
- How do we love our neighbor as ourself?
- How can we be good soil?

Application

- How are you seeking the Lord?
- How are you loving your neighbor?
- How are you loving yourself?
- What kind of soil are you?
 - Are you working your soil?

God wants us to manifest it – heaven – in our midst and in our sphere of influence.
