

## "HARVESTING FRUIT, MORE FRUIT, MUCH FRUIT"

I Corinthians 3:4-23

### I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. The church planting pastor's broken heart: vv. 1-3 (See Acts 18:11; I Cor. 4:15)
  - 1. Strife and division - heresy: (Pro. 13:10) (II Tim. 4:2; Tit. 3:9-10; Rom. 16:17)
  - 2. Stunted growth – unpruned trees with no fruit: (See Jn. 15)
- B. The pastor's passion for spiritual growth: (See Jn. 15:1-17)
  - 1. The accurate diagnosis, carnality, the absence of growth: vv. 1-3 (Heb. 5:11-14)
  - 2. The constant checkups that dare not be ignored:
  - 3. The diet that must be embraced: (I Pet. 2:2; Heb. 5: 11-14; Ps. 119; Ezra 7:10)
    - a. (See back)
    - b.
    - c.
    - d.
    - e.

### OBEDIENTLY APPLY

### II. ENVISIONING A SPIRITUALLY HARVESTING LOCAL CHURCH:

- A. Seeing the local church as a cultivated field: vv. 5-9a
  - 1. The field: v. 9 (See Mt. 13:1-9; 18-23)
  - 2. The task: vv. 6-8
    - a.
    - b.
    - c.
  - 3. The seed: (Jn. 15:1-8; Mt. 13; Mk. 4; Lk. 8)  
"Within the initial fruit, is the seed for more fruit and much fruit."
- B. Seeing the local church as a vibrant structure: vv. 9b-23
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.

### III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

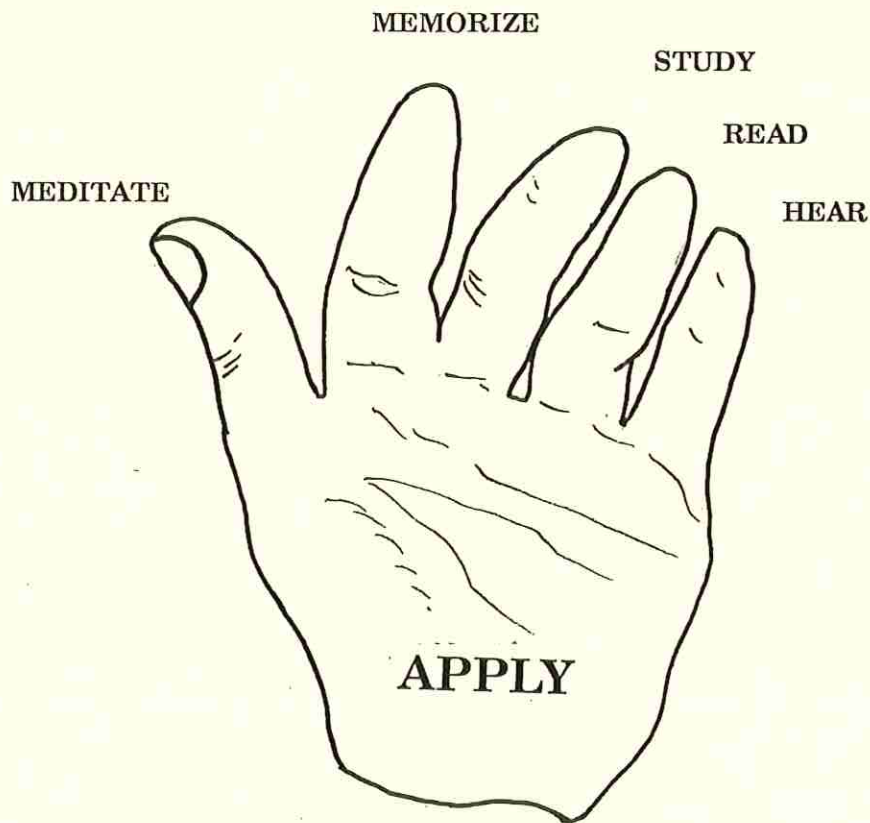
(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

- A.
- B.
- C.

### SINNERS PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breath my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.

# GETTING GOD'S WORD INTO MY LIFE



HEAR: Rom. 10:17, Rev. 2:7,17

READ: I Tim. 4:13, Rev. 1:3

STUDY: Acts 17:11, II Tim. 2:15

MEMORIZE: Ps. 119:11, Deut. 6:6, Prov. 7:1,3

MEDITATE: I Tim. 4:15, Ps. 1:2, Josh. 1:8

GREATER  
DIFFICULTY

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## WE FORGET...

90% of what we hear in 72 hours.  
60 - 80% of what we read in 72 hours.  
40 - 60 % of what we study in 72 hours.

### KEY TO REMEMBERING:

Retention is increased 100 - 200% by  
taking notes!