

Many Do Not Receive Because of One of Two Reasons

1. They Have No Seed in the Ground

John 15:7

Jesus said, "If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

Many people want the harvest of God without first receiving, planting, and acting upon the Word of God. They want God to move, but they have no seed in the ground. They have no Word abiding in them.

A. Many try to bypass the Kingdom principle and receive from God another way.

Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6:33

The Kingdom of God does not operate according to man's methods. It operates according to God's Word. Jesus said the entire mystery of the Kingdom begins with this principle:

"The sower soweth the word."

Mark 4:14

If we do not understand the principle of the Word as seed, we will struggle to understand how the Kingdom works.

B. God only works through His Word and never apart from it.

John 1:1-3; Psalm 33:6-9

Everything God created, He created by His Word.

John said, "In the beginning was the Word," and "all things were made by Him." David said, "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made," and "He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast."

God does not separate His power from His Word. His Word is the expression of His will, and His Spirit brings that Word to pass.

The Holy Spirit does not move contrary to the Word, outside the Word, or apart from the Word. He confirms, empowers, and manifests what God has spoken.

That means if we want to see the work of God, we must give voice to the Word of God. The Spirit of God moves where the Word of God is spoken in faith.

C. Everything begins with the Word.

Jesus is called **the Word of God**.

Revelation 19:13; John 1:1-3

He is the beginning of everything.

Colossians 1:16-18; Hebrews 1:10; Revelation 3:14

All things were created by Him, through Him, and for Him. He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. Nothing in creation began apart from the Word, and nothing in the Kingdom operates apart from the Word.

If God began creation with His Word, then we should not expect our lives to be built any other way.

D. The Holy Spirit does not act independently from the spoken Word.

Genesis 1:1-3

In Genesis, the Spirit of God was moving upon the face of the waters, but creation did not begin to take shape until God said, "Let there be light."

The Spirit was present.

The Spirit was powerful.

The Spirit was ready.

But the manifestation came when the Word was spoken.

That same pattern continues throughout Scripture. God speaks His Word, and the Spirit brings that Word to pass. The Word reveals the will of God, and the Spirit performs the will of God.

The Spirit does not operate independently from the Word. He confirms it, empowers it, and manifests it.

This is why believers must learn to speak what God has said. We are not trying to create our own reality with empty words. We are agreeing with heaven by speaking God's Word into the earth.

When the Word of God is spoken in faith, the Holy Spirit has something to work with.

E. We are to seek Him for His Word.

John 6:26-27

Jesus told the people not to labor only for the meat that perishes, but for the meat that endures unto everlasting life.

Many seek God only for what He can give them, but the true disciple seeks Him for His Word. The Word is the seed that produces the harvest. If we only seek the harvest but neglect the seed, we will miss the way the Kingdom works.

We do not seek God merely for things.

We seek Him for the Word that produces everything He has promised.

F. The seed starts small, but it grows.

Mark 4:30-34

Jesus compared the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed. It begins small, but when it is sown, it grows and becomes greater than all herbs.

The Word of God may begin as a small seed in the heart, but when it is received, believed, spoken, and acted upon, it grows.

The Word works effectually in those who believe.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

The Word grows and prevails.

Acts 19:20

The Word may enter as a seed, but it can become a mighty force that dominates every circumstance contrary to God's promise.

G. The seed is released through the deed of doing God's Word.

Hebrews 10:36

"For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise."

The promise is received after the will of God is done. The seed is not only in hearing the Word, but in doing the Word.

The Word is sown by:

Hearing it.

Believing it.

Confessing it.

Acting on it.

This is how the Word becomes seed in the ground. It is not enough to hear the Word and admire it. It must be received, believed, spoken, and obeyed.

Faith does not just agree with what God said. Faith acts on what God said.

When the Word is heard, believed, confessed, and acted upon, seed is in the ground. And where there is seed in the ground, there is a harvest on the way.