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Scripture

Proverbs 19:17

- “If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord — and he will repay you!”

Proverbs 14:31

- “Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker, but helping the poor honors him.”
- God gets the glory by us producing much fruit.
- Giving to others honors God.

Mark 4:15-20

- **Footpath:** Can occur from having a hardened heart, wanting things to happen our way, always engaging, easily distractible, having expectations in other people and things but not in God, or not understanding God’s plan.
- **Rocky Ground:** Not by willpower (trying), but letting faith change you. Allow yourself to release some of the old things that identify the old you. The rocks prevent the word from getting deep enough and problems will blow it away.
- **Thorny Ground:** Focused on things that are not eternally significant (the cares of this world). A renewing of our mind is crucial because the word is trying to take root, but the thorns of the past (worldly ideas) choke out the word and it cannot produce fruit.
 - If God has given us everything that we need to live a good and righteous life, why do we want more? It’s because we’re listening to the voice of the enemy which tells us that great things are being held back from us.
- **Good Ground:** You hear the word (What goes on in your mind when the word comes to you?) and you receive the word allowing you to be able to produce good fruit.

Acts 3:19

- Repent and be converted
 - *Repentance* doesn’t mean “I’m sorry”. It’s about thinking differently so we will set our affections on eternal things instead of earthly things, being sure you won’t do it again.
 - *Converted:* to change, to be newly planted, to turn or to return.

Acts 26:18-20

- Repent, turn to God, and do works that demonstrate repentance.

- Not doing things our own way or wanting the world to accept us. Instead it's us carrying out His instructions His way. Yield yourself to God.

James 5:19-20

- As we bring back believers that go astray, the reward is having saved a soul and bringing about forgiveness of many sins.
- Conversion should take place, allowing us to be more like Jesus.

Psalm 119:133

- Do not allow sin to keep us away from what God has created us to do. Let our steps be guided by God's words.
- Anyone or anything keeping me away from your will God, I ask that it be revealed so that it may be removed.