

Every Good Work for 2019

Non-Series Sunday
Mark 4:1-20

Parables

Jesus was a master storyteller and used parables to train his disciples about the kingdom. Today we will learn from Jesus what the Bible is and why it is important for our lives in 2019.

Good Seed for Good Soil

3 “Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seed..”

This story is a lesson about the Bible. V14 (Lk. 8:11 also) says the seed is God’s word given.

A seed is an unassuming speck with all the blueprints and tools needed for a plant or tree. It must be buried in good soil to give life!

Soil is our hearts and there are four different kinds, but only one good soil for life to grow.

Not Good Soil #1

4 As he scattered it across his field, some of the seed fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate it.

The seed must penetrate the human heart to be planted and the enemy will take away what is not received (V15). For 2019 We must hear it, learn it and live according to it.

Not Good Soil #2

5 Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seed sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. 6 But the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it didn't have deep roots, it died.

“The hot sun” represents problems and persecution coming from believing God's word (V17). 2019 will require perseverance and determination in God's word.

Not Good Soil #3

7 Other seed fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants so they produced no grain.

This heart will not grow fruit because the word of God is crowded out by worries, wealthy pursuits, and stronger desires for other things. 2019 will require focused allegiance to God's word.

Good Soil

8 Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they sprouted, grew, and produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!" 9 Then he said, "Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."

Receptive heart soil hears God's word, accepts God's word and produces kingdom fruit with God's word (V20).

Our Heart in 2019

Would you agree with Jesus about what the Bible is and why it is important for your life in 2019? 2019 will require a life plan determined to live in the word of God, to persevere in it, and give focused allegiance to it over all other pursuits in order to produce kingdom fruit.

Blueprints for Life

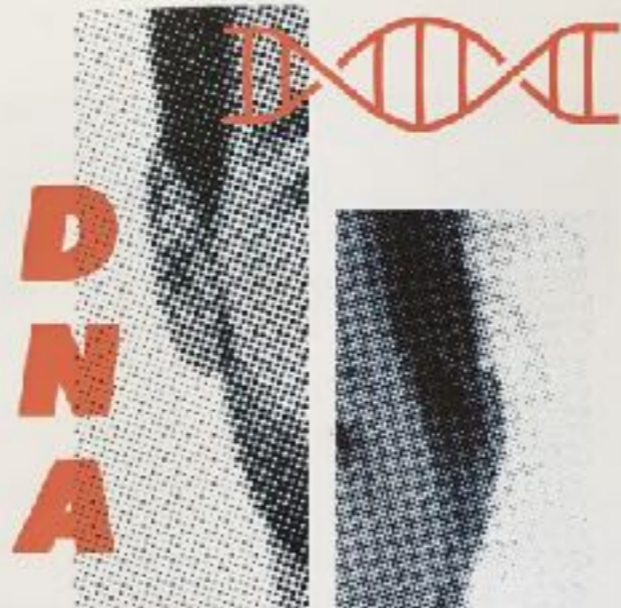
The Bible may not look like much, but the blueprints and tools for building a life for God's glory and our earthly good are in there! When its seed meets your receptive heart, it produces!

2 Timothy 3:16

“All scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.”

True, Right & Every Good

1) God's word will lead us into the truth, 2) God's word will lead us into what's right, and 3) God's word will lead us to do what is good, every good work in 2019 will come from your heart receiving God's word.



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