

The Potter's Christian Life Center

SERMON NOTES
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Commitment: The Good News About Your Dreams

Proverbs 13:12

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In September 1988, Hurricane Gilbert hit the Louisiana coast. At that time it was considered the "Storm of the century." It battered the shoreline, severely disrupting the shrimping business. Many shrimp boats were lost, causing great concern for several families dependent on shrimping for their livelihood.

On the morning news I watched an interview with a shrimp boat owner. He was asked how the storm would impact the shrimpers. With the devastation of Gilbert as a backdrop, this man said, "well, there is a good side. The storm will have stirred up the bottom of the ocean, making for better shrimping once we're able to get back out there." This man understood hope!

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life." NLT

Your mission is to find out what it takes to see your godly dreams come true and to do everything required of you to see the journey through to their fulfillment.

Mark 4:27

The farmer sleeps at night and is up and around during the day. Yet the seeds keep sprouting and growing, and he doesn't understand how. CEV

There are many things we cannot control, but, thankfully, there is one critical area in which we are in the driver's seat - the condition of our hearts.

Mark 4:14-20

As we move forward, we must avoid three attitudes of heart and embrace a fourth:

1. Lack of interest

¹⁴The farmer plants seed by taking God's word to others. ¹⁵The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message, only to have Satan come at once and take it away.

2. Shallow engagement

¹⁶The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷But 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.

3. [Distracted attention](#)

¹⁸The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, ¹⁹but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced.

4. [Committed attitude](#)

²⁰And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!" NLT

THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT YOUR DREAMS

You, no doubt are becoming a bit discouraged, thinking, "I really don't have very good odds for success in life, seeing that i no more than a 25% chance of success."

You may ask, "But according to this parable, there is little to no hope for me, right? I have never been made out of the kind of stuff that others seem to be."

[Acts 10:34](#)

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons."

- God does not show favoritism
- God doesn't play favorites
- God shows no partiality,
- God treats all people alike
- God treats everyone on the same basis.
- God makes no distinctions between one man and another;

[2 Corinthians 5:17](#)

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. KJV

The Weymouth New Testament has an interesting way of saying it: "**So that if any one is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old state of things has passed away; a new state of things has come into existence.**"

When God designed you, He created a platform on which you could reach your goals from precisely where you are right now! The Lord is no respecter of persons.

You can choose to pray, to dream, to think, to prepare, and to schedule. You can also choose good soil in which to be planted.

Conclusion

So what should you do to position yourself for success?

- [Expose yourself](#) to those who are successfully doing what you want to do.
- [Ask for help](#) (Ask and you shall receive...)
- [Get started](#) - Establish a rhythm
- [Expect challenge](#). (How successful would a movie be with no struggles and challenges?)
- [Keep reminding yourself](#) of who you really are.
- [Believe](#) that the Lord has your back

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1 KJV