



Rooted to Grow – Depth Before Fruit Tirus Tholen

Matthew 13:5-6, 19-22-18, Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)

Big Idea: Deep roots in Christ enable us to withstand trials and flourish through every season.

1. The seed is Good: The word if God is _____ and Reliable (v.23).

“But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands *it*, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

- The word of God (seed) is no ordinary seed, it contains divine life, purpose and power.
- God’s word can be TRUSTED completely (Hebrew 1:3)
- When the Word of God is received with the right posture—an open heart, humility, and faith—it will surely bear fruit

2. The Word of God (Seed) is Generously planted in every heart (v.4)

“As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path”

- God does not sow selectively, choosing only perfect hearts.
- We are all given _____ opportunity to flourish.
- Like the fruit and gifts of the spirit, the word of God is not sown based on merit.

“The Word of God is what empowers and sustains the fruit and gifts of the Spirit, enabling them to bear fruit in the lives of those around us”

3. The Path: A Harden Heart _____ (v. 4)

“As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.”

- Lack of understanding caused by **Intellectual arrogance; Cynicism, propaganda; or Trauma.**
- A “calloused (Harden) heart” is a barrier, preventing the seed from taking root.
- The evil one snatched away the seed that does not take root (v.19)

4. The Seed on Rocky Soil: Shallow Roots cannot _____ Trials (vv.5–6, 20-21)

“Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow”

- Shallow faith cannot endure because it depends on immediate feelings rather than rooted conviction.
- Deep roots in Christ bear fruits that withstand trials (Colossians 2:6-7,)

5. _____ Deep Roots, Bear Much Fruit (v.23)

“...those produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

- Be receptive to the transformative word of God: **Hear and obey**
- His God’s Word continuously nourish your soul, and to become fertile ground where God’s kingdom bears fruit in abundance

Be the Good Soil

Manna Church, the world doesn't need more religious noise—it needs people whose lives *flourish* with the life of Christ. When you see clearly and hear deeply, you become a walking testimony of God's grace. Your workplace, your neighborhood, your family—they become fields ready for harvest.

Our mission: To Change the World.... Requires us to be people whose hearts are soft, whose ears are open, and whose lives reveal Jesus to a world desperate for truth.

Reflect and Discuss

1. Why did Jesus choose to teach in parables rather than direct instruction?
 2. What does it mean that “revelation follows relationship”?
 3. How can we recognize when our hearts are becoming calloused?
 4. What does obedience look like this week in response to what you've heard?
 5. How can our lives reflect “good soil” in the places God has planted us?
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