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Verse of the Week - Acts 10:15 - Do not call anything impure that God has made clean

The parable was a familiar story for the times.

Initially, it creates a window into the story. Through this window, the listener can observe himself participating in the story itself.

Then, the window turns into a mirror, and through the parable, the listener gets a true reflection of themselves.

This has two effects on the listener.

1. Repels the listener.
2. Attracts the listener.

The parable of the sower is about your human heart and its condition!!!!!!!!!!

He wants your heart to be fertile so you will accept His truth.

His truth is this:

He Loves You! He Forgives You!

He wants you to love and forgive yourself as He does.

He wants you to see yourself as He does

Through that incredible love experience, you will have life to the full.

The world will see that life in you as you share the gospel by how you live.

Through sharing, you will pull people to the cross.

Fertile Ground- A soft and humble heart that hears who God says he is through his belief in Christ. He believes that God perfected him through Christ finished work on the cross. Because of this perfection, God

now resides in his heart. He understands the power of that statement. He believes God sees him as a perfect justified, purified, sanctified son or

daughter with no sin baggage attached. He sees himself as God sees him.

He forgives himself as God forgave him, and therefore, can extend forgiveness to others.

This is a hard place to get too. It is even harder to stay.

Romans 5:17

For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Salvation is not just about getting into heaven when you die. It is also about getting God out of heaven and into your heart. Then, through His residence in your heart, you produce good fruit.