

Root Issues 1

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Matthew 6:33 (NIV/MSG) – ³³ Seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

Jesus is attacking the 2 primary lies of Satan:

1. Did God say?
2. there is something good for you outside of god!

Mark 4:30-32 (NKJV) – ³⁰ Then He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed [*Word of God*] which, when it is sown on the ground [*Heart of Man*], is smaller than all the seeds on earth; ³² but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."

Most Christians fail to put the seed of the word into their hearts, because it seems powerless at the start

This is why faith pleases God!!

Mark 4:10-11,13 – ¹⁰ But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. ¹¹ And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, ... ¹³ And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?"

The "Mystery of the Kingdom of God" is the operation of the Word of God in the Heart of the believer.

Mark 4:14 - The sower sows the word.

The seed of the word cannot fail.

I Peter 1:23 (NKJV) – ²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

Mark 4:15-20 (NKJV/MSG) – ¹⁵ And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. ¹⁶ These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; ¹⁷ and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble. ¹⁸ Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, ¹⁹ and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and The Word becomes unfruitful. ²⁰ But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred and produce a harvest beyond their wildest dreams.

3 of the 4 hearts extinguish the all powerful word of God.