

# The Fruit of Answered Prayer

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**John 15:5-8 (NKJV)** - I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

### **1. Protect your heart**

**Proverbs 4:20-23** - My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. Protect your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues or forces of life.

### **2. The key to understanding the kingdom of God**

**Mark 4:3-8** - Listen! Behold, a planter went out to plant. And it happened, as he planted, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.

**Mark 4:13 (NKJV)** - And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?"

### **3. Protect the ground of your heart**

**Mark 4:14-20** - The planter, plants the word. And these are the ones planted 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. These likewise are the ones planted on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 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 offended. Now these are the ones planted among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. But these are the ones planted on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

#### Wayside ground

- Indifference to God's Word
- The seed never gets planted

#### Stony ground

- The circumstance overcomes God's Word
- The process is aborted

#### Thorny ground

- The wrong thing is growing
  - the cares of this world
  - the deceitfulness of riches
  - the lust of other things
- God's Word is choked

#### Good ground

- You become good ground, by protecting your heart from wayside, stony & thorny ground

**Proverbs 4:23** - Protect your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues or forces of life.

#### **4. Bearing the fruit of answered prayer**

**John 15:7-8** - If you abide in Me, and My words Abide or remain in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.