Bible Study



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The Good Ground

MATTHEW 13:23

But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

1. We are to focus our attention upon how we are doing at <u>receiving</u> God's Word.

-"He that received seed" vs. 19, 20, 22, 23

2. Growth doesn't happen by <u>chance</u>, it happens in direct correlation to how we receive God's Word.

3. We should constantly <u>examine</u> our pursuit of God's Word:

-How <u>often</u> do I receive God's Word?

-How <u>consistently</u> do I receive God's Word?

-How <u>hungrily</u> do I receive God's Word?

-How <u>inquisitively</u> do I receive God's Word?

-How <u>yieldedly</u> do I receive God's Word?

4. Every believer must strive to be sure that his own heart is good ground.

5. The "good ground" heart is characterized by three actions:

- 1. <u>Hearing</u> giving your full, on-purpose <u>attention</u> to God's Word
- 2. <u>Understanding</u> seeking God for the <u>truth</u> that He has for you
- *3. Bearing <u>fruit</u> letting God's Word make a <u>difference</u> in how you live*