

Rooted and Established

LESSON 13 – OUTLINE

- I. When I first started in ministry, I thought the results were all dependent on me.
 - A. So, I put a tremendous amount of effort into seeking the Lord, making sure I understood the truth correctly, and making sure I was clear and anointed in saying the truth.
 - B. I taught the exact same truth in six different Bible studies, trying to keep the people growing at the same rate and on the same page spiritually.
 - C. One person would look bored to death, and the next would be getting their life changed by the revelation they were receiving.
 - D. How could all of these things be happening from the same ministry of the Word?
 - E. I began to realize that it's not just the Word I speak, but it's the condition of people's hearts.
 - F. I've realized that it's not just the way I speak—it's the way people hear.
- II. If you get to where you want to know the truth of God's Word more than you crave food, more than you desire wealth, you'll get it (Ps. 19:10).
 - A. The problem is that most only want this every once in a while.
 - B. If that's the way you are, you aren't ever going to have understanding.
 - C. God isn't the one who determines the condition of your heart—you are.
 - D. It's not time for you to pray and ask God to speak louder; it's time for you to change your heart and start focusing on the things of the Lord.
- III. In Mark 4:16-17, Jesus began to teach from the parable of the sower about the second type of person that heard the Word of God:

And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

- A. This person gets excited about the Word, but doesn't have any root within.
 - B. The end result is that there is no fruit.
 - C. In the spiritual realm, many people don't like letting a truth from the Word of God take root on the inside of them and get established in their hearts.
 - D. They just want to skip all this and get right to the fruit as quickly as they can.
 - E. Therefore, they don't have very much depth of earth in their lives.
 - F. Their hearts aren't totally committed to that truth.
 - G. They may look like they're growing faster than somebody else, but in the end, they can't sustain that growth.
 - H. Their commitment shrivels up and dies at the first little hardship that comes along.
- IV. If you want to be someone who really produces fruit and sees the Word of God work, it's not going to happen overnight.
- A. You can't microwave your miracle.
 - B. There is seed, tiiiiiiiiime, and then harvest.
 - C. You have to let God's Word stay rooted on the inside of you.
 - D. You can't back off of it.
 - E. You must keep digging and looking for greater revelation.
 - F. Don't just take the surface revelation of what the Word of God says.
 - G. Go back to those scriptures and ask, "Lord, have I received everything out of this scripture that I need to know? Please show me more."
 - H. Failure to let the Word of God take root on the inside is probably the number-one reason people aren't seeing greater fruit manifest in their lives.
 - I. They just aren't giving it time.
- V. Satan would love to get you to where you don't have any depth of root in your life.
- A. Then he can come against you and just steal the Word.

- B. He wants to pull it up before it ever gets rooted.
- C. However, if you grow a good root system, you'll be able to stand despite all the troubles, trials, and hardships that come in life.

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LESSON 13 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 5:6. Why are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness blessed?
2. Read Psalm 19:10. **“More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than _____ fine gold.”**
3. According to Mark 4:16-17, **“when they have heard the word, _____ receive it with gladness.”**
4. **“Afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word’s sake, _____ they are offended.”**
5. According to Mark 4:19-20, what becomes unfruitful?
 - A. The person
 - B. The ground
 - C. The Word
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
6. Once the ones on the good ground hear the Word, what do they do?
7. Read 1 Peter 2:24. Are you dead to sin, or is sin dead to you?
 - A. I am dead to sin
 - B. Sin is dead to me
 - C. Both
 - D. Neither
 - E. That’s not a fair question

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LESSON 13 – SCRIPTURES

MATTHEW 5:6

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

PSALM 19:10

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

MARK 4:16-17

And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; [17] And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

MARK 4:19-20

And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. [20] And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

1 PETER 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.