

# Understanding

## LESSON 12 – OUTLINE

- I. The seed produces the fruit, not the ground.
  - A. It's the Word that brings forth the results.
  - B. Now, the ground can either allow the seed to produce to its fullest potential, or it can hinder, choke, and stop the Word of God from working.
  - C. With our hearts, we can either allow the Word of God to have its complete rule, or our hearts can become hardened toward God to not give His seed a place to germinate.
  - D. All I am is dirt—a place for the seed to germinate (Gen 2:7).
  - E. The Word of God has to be planted in your heart for you to effectively change.
  - F. If you would do it that way, change is as normal and natural as when a seed is planted in the ground and grows up.
- II. In the parable of the sower, out of these four different types of ground, only one really began to produce fruit.
  - A. Although, it wasn't the seed that was the problem.
  - B. In the natural realm, it's possible to get seed, plant it, and not produce the desired results because the seed was bad.
  - C. However, in the spiritual realm, God's Word is the seed—and it's incorruptible (1 Pet. 1:23).
  - D. It's never the Word that fails to work; it's the people who fail to work it.
- III. The Lord describes the first type of soil:

**Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.**

**Matthew 13:18-19**

- A. Understanding is the doorway that allows the Word to get into your heart.

- B. The only people the devil can steal the Word from without any effort are the people who don't understand it.
  - C. You must understand the Word in order to receive it.
- IV. Are you someone who can hear somebody minister, and it sounds good to you, but thirty minutes or an hour later, you couldn't even tell someone else what the minister was talking about?
- A. One of two things happened: Either the minister isn't ministering properly, or you don't have the understanding to be able to take those truths and put them into practice in your life.
  - B. An understanding of the Word of God doesn't happen through a casual reading of the Bible or merely listening to someone's message; you have to focus on the Word.
- V. Every scripture can benefit us.
- A. We just need to slow down—maybe even stop—and think about what we're reading.
  - B. You can read the Bible, yet if it's not something you're truly interested in at the moment, you can just let it go in one ear and out the other.
  - C. Or you can declare by faith, "Every scripture is profitable for doctrine and reproof (2 Tim. 3:16). There's something for me to learn in every single verse."
  - D. You can take that scripture, open your heart, meditate on it, and let understanding come.
  - E. Once you fit the pieces together, then Satan can't steal it from you.
- VI. Understanding comes from within.
- A. It's something that comes up from your spirit.
  - B. The Spirit of God quickens it to you.
  - C. I cannot overemphasize how important understanding is.

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## LESSON 12 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Read Genesis 2:7. What was breathed into the man?
2. Read 1 Peter 1:23. What were you born again of?
3. Does the Word of God only live forever?
4. Read Mark 4:15. Since the Word was sown in those by the wayside, this means it was sown \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. On accident
  - B. Without care
  - C. Without effort
  - D. For a fee
  - E. On purpose
5. According to 1 Timothy 6:12, you're supposed to **"fight the \_\_\_\_\_ fight of faith."**
6. What are you to lay hold of?
7. According to Hebrews 10:32, **"after ye were illuminated, ye \_\_\_\_\_ a great fight of afflictions."**
  - A. "Lost"
  - B. "Stopped"
  - C. "Endured"
  - D. All of the above
  - E. None of the above
8. Read Matthew 13:18-19. The Word that is heard is the Word of what?
9. Does the wicked one come before a person doesn't understand or after?
10. According to 1 Corinthians 9:22, what did Paul become that by all means, he might save some?
11. According to Proverbs 4:7, what is the principal thing?
12. What else are you to get?
13. According to Exodus 30:12, for what reason was a person to give a ransom (a payment) for their soul?
14. Read 2 Timothy 3:16. What is Scripture profitable for?

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## **LESSON 12 – SCRIPTURES**

### **GENESIS 2:7**

And the **LORD God** formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

### **1 PETER 1:23**

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

### **MARK 4:15**

And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

### **1 TIMOTHY 6:12**

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

### **HEBREWS 10:32**

But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions.

### **MATTHEW 13:18-19**

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### **1 CORINTHIANS 9:22**

To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

### **PROVERBS 4:7**

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

**EXODUS 30:12**

**When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when thou numberest them.**

**2 TIMOTHY 3:16**

**All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.**