



## **Sermon Notes:**

### **Maximize Living Part 2**

### **Seed, Wheat, and Bread**

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"All people are sent to the world with limitless credit, but few draw to their full extent." – **Myles Munroe**

#### **Text Reference:**

Matthew 13: 12:24-30

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+13&version=KJV>

24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

## **Seed First**

God has never created a table. But God provides an oak seed. From the principle, of a seed, everything produces after it's own kind.

### **Word of God is the Seed**

The seed is the promises (The Word of God) that have been given and declared over us.

### **Seed Represents Potential**

The parable mentioned, people, and the Word of God, as the seed. The parable also reveals angels, and the devil. However, seed also denotes potential. The seed in you also represents the potential of what you have in you.

The seed in you represents what God has put in us. Our assignments, callings, giftings, and talents.

### **Potential defined**

Potential is not what you have done, it's what you are yet to accomplish. What you have accomplished is no longer potential. Unless you do something beyond what you have done, you will never grow or experience your full potential.

Potential is. Not what is, but what could be.

## **Seed Represents Intent**

The purpose of a thing can always be determined by the seed.

Jeremiah 29:11 NET Bible

<https://biblehub.com/jeremiah/29-11.htm>

For I know what I have planned for you,' says the LORD. 'I have plans to prosper you, not to harm you. I have plans to give you a future filled with hope.

## **Planting: Work is Necessary**

**Nothing happens until there is a planting.**

Work is ordained by God. Not your creditors....

You will never live above your willingness to work.

Toiling is not working. Toiling is worrying. Work is Applying effort. To obtain a specific goal.

To grow and work to move forward includes The Holy Spirit, God's Word, Prayer, Education, training, and certification.

"Your work is not your job. Your job is what they pay you to do; your work is what you were born to do." M. Monroe

John 12:24 KJV

<https://www.bible.com/bible/compare/JHN.12.24-26>

Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

## **Wheat is Harvest time.**

Harvest time is when what was planted. Has reached a point of maturity. Announces the arrival. Commencement. Ordination. Commendation. Approval. Many people in ministry. Never get the proper recognition, deputized, and proper send off.

Confirmation is needed. The point of arriving should be confirmed by another. We should be sent out with proper acknowledgement. Instead of leaving under gun fighting conditions. On bad terms.

Matthews 3:17

<https://biblehub.com/matthew/3-17.htm>

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased

## **Bread: God's Creation Mandate**

**Genesis 1:28**

<https://biblehub.com/genesis/1-28.htm>

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

### **What is the creation mandate?**

The Creation Mandate is not just a command—it's a divine blessing.

First command; God wants mankind to be fruitful and multiply.

Second command; God wants mankind to subdue or govern the earth. God designed humans to be creative, to create, to produce. (Technology, products, services, and ministries)

## **The Devil has Planted something**

Your struggle is the result of what the devil has planted. "Something has been Planted"

**The devil Earmarks potential:** leaves a marker, makes a favorite. To know where to return.

The devil establishes an infrastructure. That grows right beside your potential. Right next to your purpose.

Just when you about move forward. Up pops struggle.

Paul says it like this:

Romans 7:21

<https://biblehub.com/romans/7-21.htm>

I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

It looks natural. It called "that's life", "things happen". "I call that just how I am"

"I was born that way"

### **The weeds have intentions**

The devil is strategic in his planting. Like God, he plants with intentions in mind.

John 10:10 (states the devil intentions)

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%2010%3A10&version=KJV>

<sup>10</sup> The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Intentions to steal, kill, and destroy (not one, or two, but all three are his intent)

The devil intended for you:

To be homeless

To lose your job

Your children to go astray

To be abused

To have low self-esteem

To have gender challenges

To be divorced

To walk in lack

To go to hell

He planted something....

## Notice the Sequence

Seeds comes before Weeds (potential planted, then weeds are planted, seed comes before weeds)

## God's Grace Is Sufficient for You

Understand God makes a way of escape look for it. Nothing is allowed that you can't bear.

1 Corinthians 10:13

[https://biblehub.com/1\\_corinthians/10-13.htm](https://biblehub.com/1_corinthians/10-13.htm)

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

**Pain is real.** But you are not your struggle. The struggle is real. But it's strategic and intended by the enemy to block and redirect you from producing what God intended for you to accomplish.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Corinthians%2012%3A8-10&version=KJV>

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was **given to me a thorn in the flesh**, the messenger of Satan **to buffet me**, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient** for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Ephesians 2:8 AMP

<https://biblehub.com/ephesians/2-8.htm>

For it is by grace [God's remarkable compassion and favor drawing you to Christ] that you have been saved [actually delivered from judgment and given eternal life] through faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [not through your own effort], but it is the [undeserved, gracious] gift of God;

## **Grace Defined**

Grace is *unmerited* favor. The gift and the act of God's giving having nothing to do with our merit.

Grace does not stop once we are saved; God continues for the rest of our lives, working within and upon us.

## **Why is God's Grace Sufficient?**

### **1. It Shines a Spotlight on God's Power**

One of the greatest lies. We are tempted to believe we are sufficient. For and in everything.

This reality shows up when we are in alarming, catastrophic, and desperate circumstances.

### **2. It Highlights the Glory of His Deliverance**

God loves to deliver his people when the stakes are high, and the odds are the worst.

God's power is made perfect in weakness because it shows that God and only God can deliver us. We don't have the power to rescue or deliver or save. But God's grace is sufficient to do all things.

### **3. It Forces Us Trust in God Alone**

In 2 Corinthians 1:8-9, Paul discusses a dark period in his life.

Why would God let things go bad?

God wants his people to know that *he alone* is our hope.

God leads us through problems and issues in order for us to trust in him alone. We must hang on to His grace. Drop the attitude that we can make it alone.

#### **4. It Deepens Our Trust in God**

There's nothing wrong with planning for the future, it's easy for us to fall into the temptation of trusting our own understanding rather than God's grace.

Proverb 3:5-6

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs%203%3A5-6&version=KJV>

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

<sup>6</sup> In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

This encourages us to trust in the Lord with all our hearts and not to lean on our own understanding. When we lean to our own understanding, We fail to trust God, whose power and ability surpasses all understanding.

When God does intervene on our behalf, it becomes clear that it was not due to our ability or plaining, but his glorious, sufficient grace.

#### **5. Let Us Lean on God with All Our Weight**

Charles Spurgeon said:

"Let us lean on God with all our weight. Let us throw ourselves on his faithfulness as we do on our beds, bringing all our weariness to his dear rest." - Charles Spurgeon

The solution to weakness is not a stiff upper lip. It's to lean on God with all our weight – to throw ourselves on the one whose power is made perfect in our weakness.

Then, and only then, are we strong.