

# **The Good Seed**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Matthew 13:36-39.
- B. The majority of Christians are not soul-winners living the victorious Christian life.
- C. The goal is to increase the number of effective laborers for Jesus in the world.
- D. The secret to accomplishing this is in “good seed.”

## II. The “good seed.”

- A. The good seed are the people of the kingdom.
  - 1. These have life.
  - 2. They are able to reproduce.
- B. Great works of God come out of men claiming His promises in prayer.
  - 1. One starts with Christ and then moves out to the disciplines.
  - 2. This is the reason behind the reason of the good seed.

## III. Reasons behind the good seed.

- A. It has life.
  - 1. It is Christ’s resurrection life that it has.
  - 2. Only Christ’s life can reproduce spiritually. (John 15:4-5)
  - 3. The Christian life is not a do it yourself kit.
  - 4. The end of the Christian life is Christ living in you. (Galatians 2:20)
    - a. We are dependent upon the Holy Spirit for power in the Christian life over sin.
    - b. We cannot acquire the ability of Jesus Christ without Him in us.
  - 5. What the life is like.
    - a. It is living.
    - b. It flows through a person.

- c. There is a constant dependence upon it.
- d. It is life giving.
- e. It is abundant and inexhaustible.
- f. It is powerful against the enemy. (Ephesians 1:19-23, Joshua 10:24)
- g. It is appropriated by faith. We are to trust more as we grow becoming increasingly dependent upon God. (Ephesians 1:19)
- h. It must be sown.

B. It is sown in the field by Christ.

- 1. It cannot be sown out of a need, but it must be born out of a calling of God. (Matthew 15:13)
- 2. That which is of the flesh will always be of the flesh. This is not spiritual reproductivity.
- 3. God is not looking for brains and ideas but for someone to carry out His ideas. (John 1:6)
- 4. We all need a personal commission from our personal God. (Exodus 3:4)
  - a. This will give the believer security.
  - b. It will also give an inner dynamism and freedom.

C. It is able to reproduce because it dies.

- 1. The life of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:10)
  - a. For this to happen there must be death.
  - b. This death of self results in life for other men. (John 12)
- 2. Other men.
  - a. A life lived for self is a lonely life.
  - b. Stages for reproduction.
    - 1) Falling into the ground.
    - 2) Dying to self effort, to God given talent, etc.
  - c. There is a reward for dying to self—Christ's life and the lives of others. (Isaiah 40:43)

**Application questions**

1. What is good seed and what characterizes it?

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2. How is this seed dependent? How does this contrast with the philosophy of the world?

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3. Why is death to self important in the Christian life? What things do you need to experience a kind of death to?

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