

## "How to Produce Kingdom Fruit" A Look at Luke Luke 8:4-15 October 11, 2020

"[My people] will again take root downward and bear fruit upward." Isaiah 37:31

## Parables:

- A parable is an <u>EARTHLY</u> story with a <u>HEAVENLY</u> meaning.
- Allegorical examples: Eze 17, Gal 4:21-24, Rev 12:1-6

We produce Kingdom fruit in our lives by:

1. RECEIVING the Word of God.

John 10:10

- a. God tills our hearts through <u>TRIALS</u>. Luke 15:11-32
- b. God tills or hearts through <u>TRUTH</u>. Ephesians 6:17, John 8:44, Acts 9:20-22, 14:1, 17:16-34
- c. God tills our hearts through <u>TOUCH</u>. John 20:27-29, Acts 28:1-10
- 2. Establishing our **ROOTS**.

Isaiah 27:6

- a. We need to <u>DRINK</u> with our roots. John 7:37, Isaiah 35:6-7
- b. We need to go <u>DEEP</u> with our roots. Isaiah 37:31

- 3. <u>REMOVING</u> all choking hazards.
  - a. We need to <u>PINPOINT</u> the hazards in our lives. Galatians 5:19
  - b. We need to <u>PULL</u> the hazards in our lives. Colossians 3:5, Mark 8:34
- 4. Possessing the <u>RIGHT</u> ingredients. Matthew 5:6, Galatians 6:9

Jesus said we need to have:

- An HONEST heart.
- A GOOD heart.
- An UNWAVERING heart.
- An ENDURING heart.

## **Questions to Consider:**

- Like the seed sown to the path, is my heart hard and unwilling to receive God's Word in my life?
- Like the seed sown in the rocky soil, am I a shallow believer without roots to live securely in Him?
- Like the seed sown in the thorny soil, do I let the worries of life, quest for riches or the desire for pleasurable things choke out my spiritual life in Christ?
- Like the seed sown in the good soil, does my life bear Kingdom fruit for His glory?

What is the Holy Spirit prompting me to do?