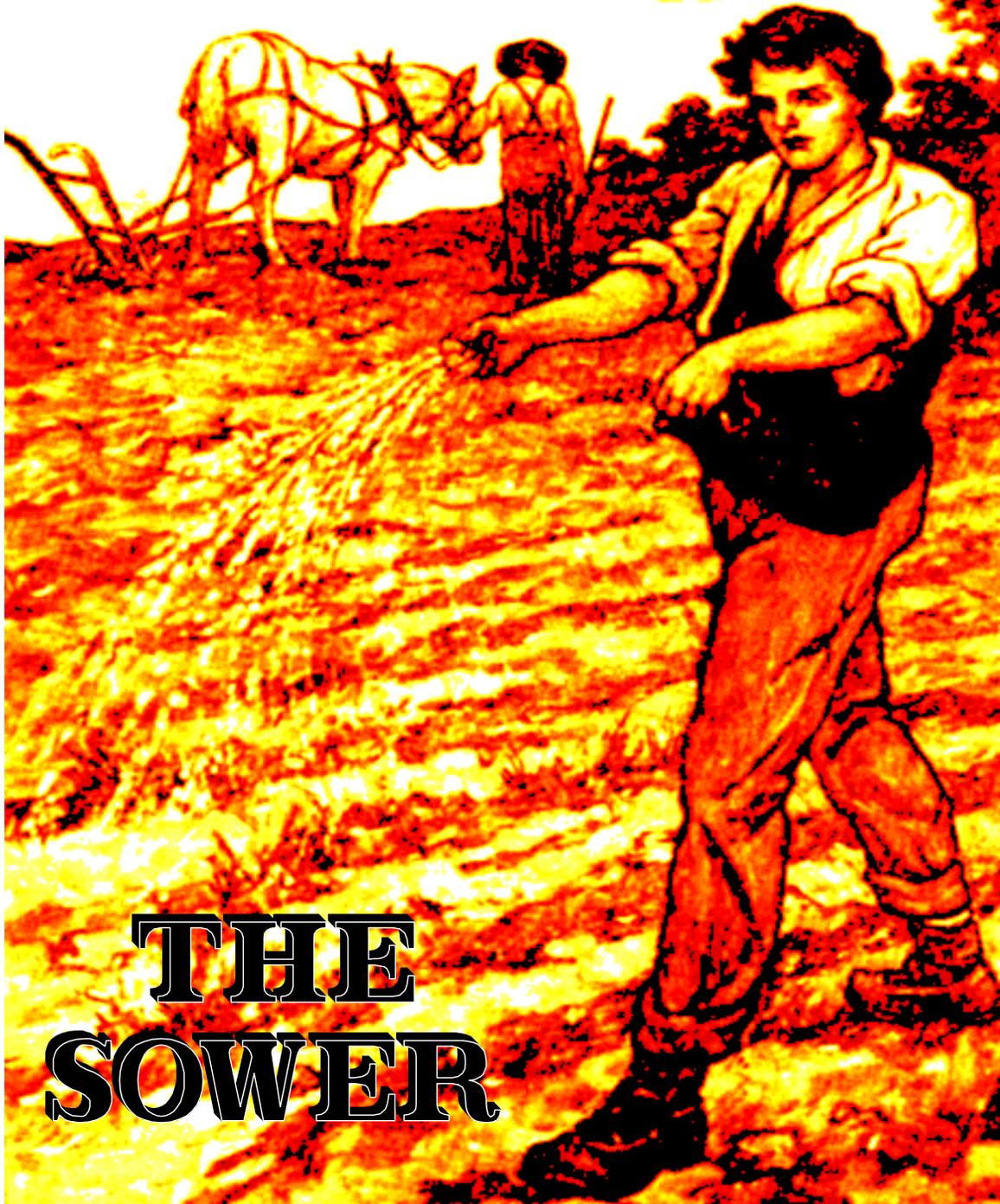


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A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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INTRODUCTION:

Our responsibility as Christians is to go everywhere in the world and preach the ‘Good News’ of Jesus Christ to every person, and to invite them to receive Him in their ‘hearts’ as their ‘Lord and Savior’.

Mark 16:15

15 And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

In “The Parable of the Sower”, as well as in the following Scriptures, we see that even though we may go into all of the world and preach the Gospel, there are many people that will not be Saved. This does not diminish the fact that we are still supposed to share the Gospel with everyone. We do not know the ones that will be Saved, for that is up to the Lord.

Through this “Study Guide”, we hope that you will receive a better understanding of “The Parable of the Sower”. We also hope that this “Study Guide” will help you to realize that not everyone in the world will be Saved, and ‘why’ they won’t be Saved!

Matt 7:22-23

22 **Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord,** have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 **And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you:** depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matt 7:13-14

13 **Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:**

14 **Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**

God is responsible for the ‘Salvation of souls’, it is not our responsibility as Christians. This relieves us of a tremendous ‘burden’. (Matt. 11:30)

It also keeps us from taking ‘credit’ for those that do get Saved.

Realizing that it is God who does the work, helps to keep us from getting ‘prideful’ and keeps us ‘humble’.

The following page is a comparison of “The Parable of the Sower” according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

Matt 13:3-9

3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying,
Behold, a sower went forth to sow:

4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the **way side**, and the **fowls came and devoured them up:**

5 Some fell upon **stony places**, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they **withered** away.

7 And some fell among **thorns**; and the thorns sprang up, and **choked them**:

8 But other fell into **good ground**, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

9 **Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.**

Matt 13:18-23

18 Hear ye therefore **the parable of the sower.**

19 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.**

20 But he that received the seed into **stony places**, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

21 Yet **hath he not root** in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

22 He also that received seed **among the thorns** is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the **deceitfulness of riches**, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

23 But he that received seed into the **good ground** is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an **hundredfold**, some **sixty**, some **thirty**.

Mark 4:3-9

3 Hearken; Behold, there went out **a sower to sow:**

4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the **way side**, and the **fowls of the air came and devoured it up.**

5 And some fell on **stony ground**, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it **withered** away.

7 And some fell among **thorns**, and the thorns grew up, and **choked it**, and it yielded no fruit.

8 And other fell on **good ground**, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

9 And he said unto them, **He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.**

Mark 4:14-20

14 **The sower soweth the word.**

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.

16 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.

18 And these are they which are **sown among thorns**; such as hear the word,

19 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**.

Luke 8:5-8

5 **A sower went out to sow** his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the **way side**; and it was trodden down, and the **fowls of the air devoured it.**

6 And some fell upon **a rock**; and as soon as it was sprung up, it **withered** away, because it lacked moisture.

7 And some fell among **thorns**; and the thorns sprang up with it, and **choked it.**

8 And other fell on **good ground**, and sprang up, and bare fruit an **hundredfold**. And when he had said these things, he cried, **He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.**

Luke 8:11-15

11 Now **the parable is this**: The seed is the word of God.

12 Those by the **way side** are **they that hear**; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

13 They **on the rock** are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these **have no root**, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

14 And that which **fell among thorns** are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with **cares and riches and pleasures** of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

15 But that on the **good ground** are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit **with patience.**

The following Scriptures prove that not everyone is going to be Saved. Satan has placed tares in with the wheat. This means that there are those that 'won't' be Saved, and that there are some doing the 'Sowing' who are also 'not' Saved. (Matt. 23:13, 14 Matt. 5:20)

Matt 13:24-30

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.**

Matt 13:36-43

36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, **Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.**

37 He answered and said unto them, **He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;**

38 **The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;**

39 **The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.**

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Matt 13:49-51

49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

51 **Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.**

CONCLUSION:

It is important to ‘unbelievers’ on how they ‘hear’ the Word, in order to be Saved.

Luke 8:18

18 **Take heed therefore how ye hear:** for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

The Bible says that the ‘Word of Faith’ that we preach that leads to Salvation, is ‘near’ to the ‘unbelievers’. It is as near as in their mouth and in their hearts.

Rom 10:8 (Deut. 30:14)

8 But what saith it? **The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart:** that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

How do ‘unbelievers’ get Saved?

Rom 10:9-10

9 That **if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.**

10 **For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

Those that profess they know Jesus, and do not, are as False Prophets. You will know them by their fruits.

Matt 7:15-20

15 **Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.**

16 **Ye shall know them by their fruits.** Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so **every good tree bringeth forth good fruit;** but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 **A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit,** neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 **Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.**

20 **Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.**

AMEN!

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