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SEEDS OF POWER



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THE MOST IMPORTANT SEED



Daily sowing will take you from a **Vague Familiarity** to a **Firm Fluency** in God's word.

Fluency = Faith, Friendship, and Freedom in God



4While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: 5"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture.

Luke 8:4-15 (NIV)



Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When he said this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear." His disciples asked him what this parable meant. Luke 8:4-15 (NIV)

10 He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, "though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.' "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Luke 8:4-15 (NIV)



¹²Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.

Luke 8:4-15 (NIV)



¹⁴The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. 15 But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

Luke 8:4-15 (NIV)



Three Challenges to Successful Sowing

- 1. Susceptible to Theft
- 2. Inoperable in Hard Places
- 3. Vulnerable to Choking



Hear With Intent

But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, **who hear the word**, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

Luke 8:15 (NIV)



Hear With Intent

To listen with the desire for an Accurate Understanding.



Hold Strongly

But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, **retain** it, and by persevering produce a crop.

Luke 8:15 (NIV)



Hold Strongly

To Retain and Respond in conformity.



Wait Hopefully

But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

Luke 8:15 (NIV)



Wait Hopefully

To Cheerfully Persevere with Expectancy.

