



Empowering People to Change the World

The Secret to Exponential Increase in Your Life Part 1

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Matthew 13:1-23

I am growing to love Jesus with all of my heart, soul, mind, and strength.

I am growing to love people the way Jesus loves them.

I am building up my faith with God's Holy Word.

I am coming alive in the power of the Holy Spirit.

With Jesus, all things are possible.

Jesus is radically changing His strategy in dealing with the Pharisees and Scribes from now on out. He quits being obvious and begins to teach cryptically in parables. He is directly trying to be confusing to those who do not really want to understand Him.

This is the Great Parable. Of the 40 parables that Jesus told, He says that this one is the most important and key to understanding all the others!

- **Mark 4:13 “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?”**
- Listen carefully, open up your heart right now, get ready.
- What I'm about to share with you, if you get it, will radicalize your life!

Exponential Growth is growth whose rate becomes ever more rapid in proportion to the growing total number or size.

- During a pathology test in the hospital, a pathologist follows the concept of exponential growth to grow the microorganism extracted from the sample. Microbes grow at a fast rate when they are provided with unlimited resources and a suitable environment.

- It is like mold on your bread.
- Pandemics are an example of exponential growth: Spanish Flu of 1918; Ebola Epidemic; H1N1.
- The Miracle of Compounding Interest: Compound interest is the addition of interest to the principal amount of a loan or deposit, or in simpler words, interest on interest.
 - This parable is the secret to a life of Exponential Impact.
 - The secret to increase in your spiritual life.
 - The secret to increase mentally, emotionally, even financially.

Matthew 13:1-23

I want to impress upon you just how important it is to establish God's Word into your heart.

- Here we have four kinds of soil which He just told us are four kinds of hearts. It is interesting that three out of four hearts never experience the power and exponential impact of God's Word in their life.
- Most Christians believe the Bible is important but not really necessary.
- Most Christians have not established God's Word in their lives.
- It is not a priority in most church-people's lives.
- History Channel has a documentary on the Shroud of Turin. They were trying to be "objective" and would say they are using the Bible as a resource. But not *THE* resource! They interview all these liberal historians who have no respect for the Bible.
- Every Easter we have another show on TV about the resurrection with these "scholars" telling us that, "Well we don't know what really happened on the third day..." And yet we have more evidence for the resurrection of Christ than that Napoleon fought the battle of Waterloo.

- For most Americans, even though they say the bible is important and it may have some influence, it is not essential.
 - This book, the Word of God, coupled with the power of the Holy Spirit can revolutionize your life!
- I've been in God's Word from the very first day I got saved and I've been in it now for over 43 years.

Matthew 13:11

¹¹ He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

This is the key to understanding ALL the parables of Jesus; The mysteries of the Kingdom, hidden truths. Biblical word means it's hidden unless God speaks to us.

- This is the revelation for the Word of God.
- They would just cast out the seed. Just throw it. No furrows were used yet.
- Big Secret: The Seed is the Word of God. Mark says it best, ***"The sower sows the Word."*** (Mark 4:14)
- When the Word of God is sowed into your heart it will revolutionize your life!

Mark 13:8-12

⁸ But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"¹⁰ And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"¹¹ He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹²For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but

whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

- Exponential Impact 30-60-90 increase! This is a Kingdom of God Principle.
- A seed, by its very nature, is designed to increase.
- These agrarian people understood this. Today, we think our vegetables come from the grocery store. But farmers know that everything we eat comes from a seed.
 - Everything comes from a seed! You come from a seed.
 - All our vegetables, fruit, and trees come from a seed.
 - God didn't say I'm going to create a million trees.

Genesis 8:22

***“As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
will never cease.” (NIV)***

- Seedtime and harvest in Genesis—Noah is going to have to restart everything on the earth—*everything* has to be restarted! God gives Noah one of the great Kingdom Principles: Seedtime and harvest.
- God gave His creation the ability to procreate itself through seeds. You are a result of a seed; every plant; every animal comes from a seed.
- God chose a seed to illustrate God's Word.

- But you cannot cram for a harvest in your life. You can cheat the man-made systems of our schools, but you cannot cram for a harvest. Ask any farmer.
- God’s system; Kingdom of God Principle is “seedtime and harvest.” You cannot cheat it. You cannot plant your corn one week before the harvest.
- How many people are expecting and believing God for a harvest, but they have never planted the seed?
- What scripture are you standing on? They don’t have a Word from the Lord. It is like a woman who goes and stands next to a man and then expects that they are going to get pregnant.
- You have to have the Living Word of God planted in your life!
- Getting up every morning to do PB&J.

Matthew 13:8, 23

⁸ But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

²³ But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

- I’ve come to believe that this passage means that there is a progression; there should be this progression of blessing and faith in your life!
 - At first, it’s 30-fold—you get saved, you start letting God into your life and you start to change and get transformed.
 - Then it’s 60-fold—you start learning to take the Lord to your work, in your marriage and you start having some miracles happen.

- But if we continue to nurture the Word of God in our heart, it becomes 100-fold—AMAZING MIRACLES IN YOUR FAMILY, FINANCES, JOB.
- It's supposed to be a continual "seedtime and harvest" in your heart! But for most people, they don't nurture God's Word, they don't meditate in God's Word, and they never experience the harvest or the increase.
- You have to have a Word from the Lord. You have to plant the Word of God into your life.
 - People can remember all these shows, sports, and actors but can't remember God's Word. It means you love those things more than God's Word.
 - You don't get pregnant standing next to your husband. You have to get intimate, right?
 - You don't get pregnant with miracles by just staring at or standing next to The Word of God; you have to eat, ingest it, make it a part of your life and you have to meditate on it.
 - The Kingdom of God works on the seed of the Word.
1 Peter 1:23
For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.(NIV)

The Word of God is the sperm. Take the seed and plant it.

- If you want tomatoes, one doesn't just pray over the barren ground and hope it comes up. People would think you are crazy. No, you have to plant the seed.
- Christians are crying out "Oh God, heal my marriage, heal my cancer," but what Word are you holding onto?

- When I resigned at MSC and started The Road, I asked God for new sources of income...but I had to plant the seed through research, believing God's Word, asking for miracles and stepping out by faith. Liz and I read the Word, got rhema, revelation from God and started standing on it.
 - My finances were not good but over time I got a revelation about abundance.
 - God did it but He did it by planting a seed in my heart every day!
 - It even takes a while for a woman to know she's pregnant even though she is pregnant, she doesn't know it at first. Then everyone knows it. Then she delivers the baby. And everyone thinks it only took 3 hours, but it was 9 months and 3 hours.
- The Word of God is supernatural. It is living and active and for whatever you need in your life. Have you planted the seed in your heart?

It is seed time and harvest. It takes time.

- It takes time. You have to plant it and let it germinate. You have to truly believe that that seed has a miracle in it. You have to believe it even though you can't see anything for a while.
- Meditate on God's Word. Don't dig it up. You spent only 15 minutes in God's Word, but you can go to the movies, do your job, etc., yet you don't spend any time in God's Word.
 - There is a No-Fold Decrease.
 - There is a 10-Fold Increase-30, 60, 100.
 - But it's up to you how you invest your Seed. Listen, if I never invest my money, I will never get an increase.

- If I invest in the wrong investments, I will LOSE my money. Right? Well, God is promising a Harvest! The question is not what we should invest in, but how much will you invest?
- Are you investing your heart in movies? Sports? Magazines? Worry? You will get a return for what you invest yourself in.
- You have to get the Word of God dwelling within you!

Let the word of Christ **dwell** in you **richly** in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. (Colossians 3:16)

Dwell—inhabit, sit there, be in it and let it be in you!

- How does God get things done? He puts into practice the kingdom laws. Natural processes. He did through the power of His Word, through seeds.
- When I came to know the Lord and to experience the Lord, I was immersed in God's Word, reading it, studying it, memorizing it, every morning every night...
- Everything in my life came from believing the Word. Everything came from the seed of the Word. Amazing.
 - Mission field time in Japan
 - Marriage to Liz
 - Graduate School
 - Planting Mountain Springs Church
 - Every child
 - Planting The Road
 - Finances: where, when, and how to invest
- I've been up in the mountains hunting and seen huge boulders split by a tiny seed that grew the roots of a tree. A tiny seed did that! It split this massive boulder! The power in a seed is phenomenal.

- God wants to release these seeds into your life! But it will take concentration.
- Have you ever seen a sponge that gets old and hard? If you just dip it in the water, it doesn't change, but if you soak it in the water it will loosen up. You have to get saturated in the Word.

More on this next week—creating an environment in your heart for an exponential increase in your life.