

CHAPTER 1

Understanding Spiritual Seeds, Spiritual Plants, Spiritual Fruits

I will draw from two scriptures in the bible to reveal the dynamism of the kingdom of God in relation to seeds.

1. Mark 4 verses 30 - 31: ³⁰Then He said, “To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? ³¹It is **like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth;** ³² but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade.” **NKJV**

2. Matthew 13 verses 24 - 25: ²⁴Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seeds in his field; ²⁵but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.” **NKJV**

From the scriptures above, one immediately understands that the kingdom of heaven is a model of seeds and sowing of seeds just as one sows physical seeds on earth. On earth, which is a physical realm, physical harvests arise from planted physical seeds. In the spiritual realm, spiritual harvests arise from planted spiritual seeds with potential to manifest in the physical realm.

One common thing between them is that harvests are always greater than the seeds sown. You sow a grain of corn and reap cobs of corn. The difference between the two is that earth is physical while heavenly kingdom is spiritual. Therefore, on earth, we sow physical seeds and spiritual seeds in heaven.

The allusion to seeds and sowing of seeds in the scriptures above helps us understand the spiritual realm and its operations. Based on the above knowledge, one can progress to exploring what Spiritual Seeds, Spiritual Plants and Spiritual Fruits are.

A. Spiritual Seeds:

Question: What is a spiritual seed? It is:

1. Anything anyone conceives in his mind through thoughts and imaginative processes.
2. An unspoken thought and imagination that remain at the seed stage in one's heart.
3. An invisible thought and imagination created in one's mind but stored in the heart.
4. An invisible product of work of the mind resident in the heart.
5. The basic spiritual unit stored in one's heart.

To help us understand what spiritual seeds are, let us look at the perfect example of the originator of sin; Lucifer. God created him perfect 'until iniquity was found in him'. The question is; who put the seed of iniquity in him? It was not God because He said He created Lucifer perfect as stated in the scripture below:

Ezekiel 28 verse 15: God spoke through Prophet Ezekiel to Satan: "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee." **KJV**

I strongly believe Satan's thoughts and imaginations in his mind initiated the creation of the seed of iniquity. As he meditated in his mind on the desire to be like God, the seed of iniquity was birth in his heart. Satan

did not only store the seed of iniquity in his heart, he spoke it to himself, thereby activating the life force or power of the seed. In later chapters, we shall see Satan plant seed of iniquity in Adam and Eve and has continued to do so throughout generations.

Isaiah 14 verses 13 – 14: ¹³For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the North: ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. **KJV**

Apostle Paul, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, warned us to be mindful of what we think, imagine and meditate in our minds.

Philippians 4 verse 8: ‘Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.’ **KJV**

Why must we be mindful of what we think, imagine and meditate in our minds? Because the nature of seeds formed in our hearts is a product of what we think, imagine and meditate. If one meditates on righteousness, his heart will form seed of righteousness. If one meditates on unrighteousness, his heart will form seed of unrighteousness. A scripture puts it this way:

Proverbs 23 verse 7: ‘For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee: but his heart is not with thee.’ **KJV**

The book of Psalms tells us to meditate on the word of God. Word of God is good and true. Whoever meditates on the word of God shall be like a tree by the rivers of sweet water. Whoever meditates outside the word of God shall be like a tree by the rivers of bitter water.

Psalms 1 verses 1 - 3: ¹Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly; nor standeth in the way of sinners; nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ²But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. ³And he shall be like a tree planted by the