

Life Change Secrets

Learn from Jesus – Part 7

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1 Corinthians 2:7 (ESV) But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

Matthew 7:7 (ESV) “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

1 Corinthians 2:10 (ESV) these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

1. What kind of _____ do you have?

Luke 8:5 (ESV) “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it.

Luke 8:6-7 (ESV) And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it.

Luke 8:8 (ESV) And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

2. What is your _____ to God’s Word?

Luke 8:10 (ESV) he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’

Luke 8:11-12 (ESV) Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

Luke 8:13-14 (ESV) And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

Luke 8:15 (ESV) As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

3. Learn to understand and share God’s _____

Luke 8:16 (ESV) “No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light.

Luke 8:18 (ESV) Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away.”

Weekly Healing Scripture

James 5:14-16 (ESV) Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

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Intro. Why does God keep secret or hidden aspects of His wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:7)?

What would you like to see changed in your life (Matthew 7:7)?

In what ways is the Holy Spirit essential to help you understand God's Word (1 Corinthians 2:10)?

1A. Why is the parable of the sower such an important parable (Mark 4:13)?

1B. Explain the difference in the hearts of people who are like the hard, rocky or thorny soils (Luke 8:5-7).

1C. What is the difference between the first three soils and the good soil (Luke 8:8)?

1D. Why should you consider what kind of heart (soil) that you and others have?

2A. Why do certain people understand the secrets of the kingdom of God and others do not (Luke 8:10)?

2B. According to Luke 8:11-12, how does the devil stop people with hard hearts from being saved?

2C. What causes the believers with rocky or thorny hearts to fall away from salvation (Luke 8:13-14)?

2D. Explain the characteristics of a person with a good heart that are different from the first three hearts (Luke 8:15).

2E. How can a person's bad heart be changed to having a good heart that can receive God's Word?

3A. How does Luke 8:16 tell us as believers to act as sowers?

3B. What does it mean to "take care how you hear" (Luke 8:18)?

3C. In what ways does the parable of the sower help you not get discouraged as you share the truth of God's Word with others?

3D. How has the study of this parable changed your way of thinking about people's hearts and salvation?