

Patience to Receive the Promise



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The famous parable of the sower is about patience. Not patience toward people but patience toward God. You remember Jesus talking about the seed, right? Some fell by the wayside; some fell on the rock; some fell among thorns . . . and others fell on *good ground*. Let's look at Jesus' explanation.

"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience" (Luke 8:11-15).

The "good ground" Jesus mentions indicates those who heard the Word and eventually brought forth fruit "with patience." The other hearers brought forth a measure of fruit, too, but only for a time. Why? Because they were impatient with the Lord and his working in their life.

The heart of the "good ground" hearer has a definite direction! In every circumstance, he directs himself first into the love of God, and then into *patiently waiting* for Jesus Christ. These two characteristics are necessary for a heart that produces lasting fruit. We read in Hebrews that "You have need of [patience], so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise" (10:36).

Take God's Word and set it in your heart; let it produce an honest, pure heart and then wait patiently for him to come to your deliverance.

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