

"A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when [Jesus] had said these things, He cried, 'He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.' And His disciples asked him, 'What might this parable be?' And He said, 'Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.'" Luke 8:5-15 KJV



Water is vital. Nothing grows in dry soil. You may have the best soil in the world, but without water you'll get nothing. In hydroponics, they use water to deliver the nutrients. Water brings life and food to the seed. Water softens the hard husk and begins the germination process. In the dark earth, the seedling pushes upward to the light, from which it will draw the power to grow. The miracle of photosynthesis allows the new plant's roots to gather nutrients using water as its life-blood. In the case of the believer the Word is not only the water, it is the seed and the light. "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world:" Also it is the nutrient; "Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life." It moistens the black soil of the soul, and the Word begins the germination of life. The new life begins reaching for the Light. It doesn't matter which way you plant a seed; it always grows up to the light. We must constantly sow and water with the Word of God if we are ever to see any new life spring from the dark souls of men. We must continue to water and cultivate if we are ever to see any fruit. As with new plants, new believers need much cultivation and moisture. Too much sunlight will damage a tender plant. We must be careful to provide the right amount of Light to the new struggling seedlings until their roots are deep and strong enough to gather nutrients on their own. We must constantly water the gardens of our souls with the Water of the Word. "Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." We must spread generous quantities of praise, prayer, cultivate with fellowship, and weed out anything that would hinder life in the soul. Gardens need to be watered daily and often cultivated to thrive. Our souls are no less in need. The Word of God allows us to tap the power of the Son Light and fellowship cultivates believers. "That Christ (the Word made flesh, the Truth) may dwell in your hearts by faith...being rooted and grounded in love." Faith and the love of God are the universal nutrients of life!

In blackened soil the seed is placed, out of sight, it cannot see,
Till gently watered lovingly, it from darkness becomes free,
Light adds girth to root and stem, as sunlight strengthens fruitful form,
Seed sown in soil that is good, becomes the tree that stands the storm. ~CGP

If we faithfully water and cultivate our gardens, the Fruit of the Spirit will soon display itself on the branches of our life to the praise and glory of God the Father. Any fruit we bear is the Holy Spirit. Note the ownership:

"But the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23 KJV