

LIFE! IN GOD'S KINGDOM

“Better Is One Day In Your Courts” - Matthew 13:31-33; 13:44-46; 22:1-14

for **Children:**

Read through the parable of the mustard seed, Matthew 13:31-32. Plant a sunflower seed or two (place in a sunny window & keep the rest of the seeds for summer). Discuss how things that look small or insignificant at the start can surprise us with a great reward and great joy.

Weekly Affirmation:

*First, I'll seek
His Kingdom.*

for the **Growing** Christian:

Read Matthew 13:1-9. Which type of soil do you identify with: the road; the rocky; the thorny; or the good? Put your reasons why in a written prayer to God before continuing on.

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Now read Matthew 13:18-23. Which type of soil do you identify with? Put your reasons why in a written prayer to God before continuing on.

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If you don't consider yourself the good soil yet, know that God wants you there, and that it's possible through submission to the Holy Spirit as you continue to study His Word - your Bible.

Read Galatians 5:22 multiple times on multiple days. Ask God to help produce that fruit in you each time.

Weekly Memory Verse:

“SO GO TO THE MAIN ROADS, AND
INVITE WHOMEVER YOU FIND THERE
TO THE WEDDING FEAST.”

MATTHEW 22:9

for the **Mature** Christian:

Read Matthew 13:24-30 and 13:36-43. Answer the following questions for yourself this week. Consider searching for scriptures that help form your answers.

1. What do you think about God's wisdom in allowing weeds to grow up alongside the wheat?
2. The “sons of the kingdom” (Christians) are likened to seeds that are sprouting and growing to maturity. What thoughts does this bring to understanding your Christian walk?
3. The devil is behind those who are “weeds.” Does this fill you with anger or compassion?
4. How does one tell the difference between a weed and a true plant? What significance might that have for your Christian walk?

MARCH 2024 GROWTH GOALS

- Watch the Bible Project videos on the Gospel of Matthew (available on the website).
- Read the Gospel of Matthew
- Memorize one of the weekly memory verses
- Try a fast of any duration 8-24 hours, either partial (cutting out a specific food), or full (only taking water). Replace your meal with prayer and Bible reading (see Daniel with any questions).