Satan's Eden no 139 Watering the Seed in your Mind pt 7 November 26, 2023, AM Brian Kocourek, Pastor

Let's bow our heads in a word of prayer.

Dear gracious Father, we're so thankfull Lord for Your Word. And may we be focused upon Your Word and upon nothing else. In Jesus'name we pray, Amen. Now, you may be seated.

[Brother Brian is talking for 15 minutes about the incident in Kasangani. This report has been separated and can be found on the website right beneath this sermon.]

At that, we're going to go to the word and we'll start the sermon.

2 Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves.

(That means SOS. That means, anything you hear in the news, that means you'll just clear it. Clear your mind. Because the SOS and everything else, it's looking for man's intervention when we need God's intervention.)

So dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves

(What do you do to cleanse something? You get rid of everything, that is anything and everything, and just be focused on the one thing), *from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

That should be our number one thing as a Christian, is to live such a life that others will want the same life that you're living. They'll want the same God that you are projecting. In other words, your willful obedience to the truth and to that which is right brings you into a holy state and cleans up your life.

Now, I don't know why I felt led to go to the Y yesterday, but I went anyway. Or maybe it was Friday and I went and I was going to go in. I thought, well, I'll just go in and work out a little bit and then come out and I never got to it. I went into the basketball area because I find that a little bit of therapy, with my arms and stuff because you have to have strength to shoot a basket, right?

Well, I walk into there and here's a man in a wheelchair and he's shooting in the basket, it was like 20 feet away. He made the shot and I walked over to him and I said, can I take your picture? And then he said, sure. And so I had him shoot another one. I took a video and then we got to talk. And I said, I had a stroke

about a year ago. And I use this for therapy. And I said, how long have you been in your wheelchair?

He said, I was hit by a drunk driver when I was 12 years old, and he was about 40, maybe 45. So he's been in the wheelchair an awful long time. And I said, I prayed for a man that had his heel cut off. He had gangrene in his foot. God grew the foot back, took away the gangrene and he just left a little scar and of course his church said that it was not God's healing, because he had a scar. And I said, well then Jesus wasn't raised from the dead either because he had nail scarred hands and feet.

So anyway, the man then said, well I'm a Christian. He said, I would really appreciate if you pray for me. So I laid hands on him, and I'm expecting for God to heal him. And I'm expecting to hear that testimony.

And I don't think He might. I think God can. And God will, because by His stripes he's already healed. And I said, but be it done unto you according to your faith, you've got to believe it yourself. And then God will do that for you. So, they both then said, hey, where's your church at, 'cause you know? So we'll find out. But the thing is, you want to live such a Christian life that others would want what you have, and you want to testify to them about this great gospel that we have in order for them to hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Because I don't know why we haven't gone yet, except for the last one isn't in and child train. So apparently there's one or two left out there, and it's kind of our duty, not to search them out, but to be willing and ready to give a testimony when God brings them across your path.

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, (So you can't listen to the news, can you? Because they're not true.) whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, (Well, that leaves out 90% of the videos on YouTube.) whatsoever things are pure, (That's leaves out another 9% OK.) whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; (that leaves out the e-mail that we received.) if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Doesn't say that you got to do some actions and become holy in this and that. Just think about holiness, think about purity, think about a good report. Think about things that are lovely, and if your mind is filled with the right things of God, it's going to project around you and the atmosphere.

People said they came within 8 feet of Brother Branham and they said, they could

feel the presence of God with him. And Brother James told me, he said, you know he was about 7-8 feet away. I walked up to Brother Branham because Brother Branham he said, I had dinner with him. He sat at my table but then when he got in the pulpit area and the Angel came, he said I came up there and I could feel that reverence and that holiness and that purity. That's what he's saying here.

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. 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

See, that's why I won't listen to the news. What are they going to tell you? Bad reports. It's all bad. You never hear people get up and say, you know this guy, this woman was doing this, and this person was helped to walk across street. There's not any good stuff on the news. It's all about evil. And it continued.

And the Bible says in the days of Noah that when the sons of God married the daughters of man, they multiply. We went over that and their minds were continuously evil. Their thinking was continuously evil. Well, that's what we are today. It's just continuously evil. That's what we're getting, is a report. You're better off just like Brother Branham did, he went out every morning and he went out to fish. Well, he said I don't do that just to fish. He said I do that to get away from everything, to unclutter my mind. What's he doing? He's cleansing himself. So cleanse yourself from everything. Solitude is one of the best ways to cleanse yourself. Just get along with God and with His nature and you'll be all right.

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So, this cleaning up your life is a state of mind. And the example you have seen will help you also to have this mindset that was first in Christ, then the Apostle Paul, then William Branham and now it's in you. So we have these men to look to. We have Christ to look to. He's our pattern and try to be like Him.

1 Timothy 1:5 Now the **end of the commandment is charity** out of a pure heart.

You can have a charity out of a false motive, like you expect everybody else to take care of your local problem and dish out of your pocket your local problem. Well, that's not charity out of a just or out of a pure heart. That's saying I can't do it. But you can. Just like they say, the government will do it. Well, who's paying

the government? Oh, I guess it's your taxes. But see, we want our education paid free. The government can do it. The government can do this. That government can do that. Government can, pay for people's health bills. Government can do this. And listen, what is the government? It's the people. So it's you.

In other words, you can do this, but I don't want to do it. You just submit something is not out of a pure heart. That isn't what I call love when you want to say, oh, I love everybody. So, I want the government to help everybody else. Yeah, you want everybody else to help, but you don't want to help yourself. And that's. And I will just put Joe Biden as an example. He pays less than \$500 in charity on an annual basis and he makes millions of dollars. So if he really had love in his heart, or any of them, because that's all the way the liberals are. If it's coming out of your pocket. We can help people.

Why don't you be an example and fish out of your own pocket, then you have a person that we can believe in. But I don't believe in a man that's so stingy that he robs everybody else to rob Peter to pay Paul. It just doesn't work that way.

So what Paul is saying is those positive thoughts, along with thoughts of courage and decisiveness, like Shamgar and Jephthah and Samson, one took a jaw of an ass. It was brittle too. One took an ox goat and one took a stick and they defended their village.

One man against 1,000 and they said I don't care what the odds are, I'm going to do it. If those people, like I told the brother, I said look, what you need to do is to teach those people to defend themselves. I said you need to teach the people about Shamgar, about Jephthah, about having courage and when they come in your village, 10 or 12 of them, there was 80 people that fled that village, 80 against, 10 or 12. Listen, if they would have all come at and said, hey, and everybody picked up a machete and said you're not taking one step into this village, they would have turned around because they would have saw the odds were against them.

That's the way they did in Vietnam and some places and that's the way Shamgar did. He said they're coming at us and I'm just going to go out there and meet him with an ox goat. Meet him with an ox goat? It doesn't matter, God's with us. Meet him with a jaw of an ass? Yeah. And it killed 1,000 Philistines. Jephthah took a stick. It's not a matter of, we're going to be so peaceable and so lovely. Listen, the Bible doesn't say that you can't defend yourself.

Brother Branham sat on the porch with a shotgun because there's some boys said

they're going to come by and rape their daughter. And he was at a hotel, so he sat out there with a gun all night. So you have to use common sense in this world. You can't just bully your way through it, and you can't passivate your way through it. You just have to use common sense.

1 Timothy 1:5 Now the **end of the commandment is charity** out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: Of Faith which is not a put on.

Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

So you can't see God without holiness and you can't see Him if you're not living in peace, you can't be brawling acts all the time and you want to fight everybody and always complaining about what people do and say. You're not seeing the Lord. You're not seeing the Lord. That's what the Bible says.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

So what Paul is saying is that positive thoughts, along with thoughts of courage and decisiveness, will create within you an atmosphere of assurance, and steadfastness, which then will bring forth circumstances of success, and freedom.

How many ever had a child and the child wanted to jump into your arms and so you throw the child up and you catch a child? Well, I don't recommend that you do that, but I'm just saying people have done that. What if you decided to just not catch a child? Do you think the child is going to let you do it the second time if he lives? No. You see, but it brings forth if you do catch a child, if you say there's a fire in the house, the child is in the second story. I'm down below. Open the window and jump out. That child will jump in your arms because you bring forth circumstances of success and freedom, steadfastness, decisiveness, atmosphere of assurance.

So what you create around you, the atmosphere you create around you, you are little messiahettes and the atmosphere you create around you, others can see it and will want to go to it. Now, people did not come to the message of William Branham because they believe the doctrine. Let me just say that flat out, people came around Brother Branham because of the life he lived universally. It wasn't because he's a great theologian. He outsmarted the other theologians and he had doctrines that they didn't have. It wasn't that at all. It was because he lived such a life that, he said about a certain pastor. He told Brother Collins. He said, it's funny, I live as close as I can to what Jesus Christ lived, hoping to draw this pastor in and it's backfired because other people think I'm Jesus Christ. But I'd like to have that option, wouldn't you, that people think you're so much like these guys that they think that you are.

Ephesians 3:11-12 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: **12** In whom **we have** boldness and access with confidence **by the faith** (The revelation) of him.

Not our faith in Him. It doesn't say that. It says by His faith, but what's His faith? It's His revelation. What was Jesus revelation? I am the Son of God. So what's your revelation? I am a son of God. You see that? And when you understand that you are and you live like you are, you can talk to your Father and He'll stop storms, and He will lower the temperature. He will grow back a heel. He will do all those things that you have seen because of your relationship, you trust your Father.

Hebrews 10:35-36 Cast not away therefore **your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward**. (Just think about that your confidence has a great recompense of reward. You're confident God said it, then He's going to do what He said. Right?) 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, **ye might receive the promise**.

So look, the way God works is always at the midnight hour. He answers your prayer. Sister Neesha is a doctor in UK and she was threatened with her job because she wouldn't take the COVID vaccine. So she wrote to me for advice and I said, well I said wait, to the midnight hour because God always responds to those who wait. And so she got to Friday night and she thought, I'm going to lose my job. And the Prime Minister of her country lifted the ban and said you don't have to have the COVID shot to work as a nurse or as a doctor.

So God proved her, but he took her right to the wire. And he's going to take you to the wire in every circumstance, everything in your life, anytime you have a real need, God will take you to the wire and just hold on and trust your Father. He's not going to drop you. He's going to catch you. Amen.

Hebrews 10:22-24 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, (of revelation) having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, (in others. If our hearts are sprinkled from an evil conscience, in other words, we purge ourselves) and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith (Revelation) without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: And like I mentioned before, the only thing we do is provoke people to anger. But you should provoke. I had a sister that was battling her sister-in-law years ago, and she said, I don't know what to do. I try to be nice and everything else. And I said, you're supposed to provoke unto love and good works. I said, why don't you send her some flowers. Why don't you give her some chocolate?

Because there was a man who came to Brother Branham said, I'd like to cast the devil out of my wife. Would you show me how? He said sure. And so he said, what do I do? He said. Well, he said go and buy a dozen roses and buy a box of chocolates. And he said that'll cast the devil out of any woman. So you see he's going about it the wrong way.

He's going, about it in the wrong way. You're a devil and blah, blah, blah. No, it's a little bit of love, a little bit of tender mercies, and it goes the long way. The Bible says to have friends, you must be friendly. Show yourself friendly. Show yourself friendly! In other words, just not say well I'm friendly, but show yourself friendly, how you do that, there's certain acts you can do.

Now, the word provoke means to stimulate to do something.

Well, how does she stimulate her sister-in-law to actually turn around and start being friendly? She just was doing nice stuff for her sister-in-law.

How do you get your family to believe in you? You start doing nice things for them so that at the white throne Jesus will say, well, you know what?

When I was thirsty, you gave me drink. When I was hungry, you gave me food.

Or when did I do that? When you did it to your wife. When you did it to your spouse. When you did it to your children. When you've done it, unto the least of these, my brethren.

So we see here that gentle and forgiving thoughts. Now, do you have gentle thoughts or do you have grrr thoughts? You know, like a cat being stroked the wrong way? You see, you can stroke the cat the right way, and he just purrs, but stroke them up the other way. Oh boy.

So we see here that gentle and forgiving thoughts, creates an atmosphere of love and trust, which will solidify into protective and preservative circumstances,

Like the woman whose husband he was not a believer but she was. And he and they got in a discussion at the bar about if they're real Christian women or not. And the man said come on boys, let's go over to the house. I'll show you a real Christian. So he said give me some eggs. And she stopped what she's doing, she didn't argue with him, with it. You've had breakfast. You don't need breakfast anymore.

She didn't say your calorie count is wrong or your cholesterol is going to be affected. She just said, OK, I love you anyway. And so, she gave him eggs. And then he said that ain't the way I like them. And he threw them on the ground. She didn't grab a broom to attack him. She grabbed a broom to pick up the mess that he made. She didn't make the mess. He made the mess. And he walked out in the other room and she just saying, must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone and there is a cross for me. And what was that cross? It was her husband. But she said it in a nice way. There's a cross for me and her husband and the other two men were led to Christ that night, because they saw a real Christian person. So, you be that christian person.

Gentle and forgiving thoughts, forgiving, forgiving thoughts, forgiving thoughts. In other words, just forgive them creates an atmosphere of love and trust, which will solidify into protective and preservative circumstances,

And then they will crystallize into circumstances which allows you to minister help and forgiveness to others, which then allows those affected by your personal presence to enter into an atmosphere of hope and reconciliation. You see, they want to be around you. Your kids want to be around you because you're sweet. People wanted to be around Grandma Dolly. Even people that were not Christians because she was a sweet person, always had something good to say.

That is why the attitude you take toward a person can determine their eternal destination. Did you know Brother Branham not only taught that, but he lived it as well. That is why Billy Paul could not tell the difference between his daddy's friends from his enemies. He treated them all with love and kindness. So this is really a pastoral type message, but it's a message to get us ready for the change of the body.

Ephesians 4:31-32 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.

Have you ever stopped to think, you'll be listening to a video on YouTube and it's a confrontation. Somebody against the police or the police against somebody or somebody against somebody, a Karen, what they call them, or this and that, and you just get angry. Why? You're feeding on it. Don't feed on it. Turn it off. Just like you turn off, if there's pictures of scantily dressed women, turn off the other stuff too. That's why I like the old Westerns, because Brother Branham did too, because it was always a good man against a bad man. It was always a good one

out, there's nothing you're angry about. So let the peace of God come in.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. **32** And **be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another**, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

And that's the first thing that we should think of, when we see somebody we should say, accept for the grace of God. There go I. I could be a Wretch. I could be a Sinner. I could be a drunk. I could be this. I could be that. But by God's grace, He took me from a child and He weaned me up. That's what you want to be thankful for.

That is the way our prophet lived, and he taught us to do the same. Then we are coming to the sweetness and perfect love he said we would be at when we take the rapture.

Colossians 3:12-14 *Put on as the elect of God, holy and beloved,* (Now if you have to put them on, they're not really there to begin with, are they? So look at yourself. How am I dressed? Am I dressed in holiness and) bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

13 *Forbearing one another,* (What does forbearing mean? That means you're putting up with it? You're just kind of holding your tongue.

That means you may not like what they do, but love them anyhow)

and forgiving one another, (That means those who have done something to you that needs to be forgiven. You forgive them.)

If any man have a quarrel against any: (that means anyone who you have a disagreement with) *even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.* (Or you do the same thing.

If you keep sowing the same particular seed thoughts, be it good or bad, it cannot help but to create an atmosphere around you which will also affect your character and the circumstances in which you live.

I've heard people say, well, that sister, she's just too spiritual for me. Boy, that's a sad indictment. It sounds like somebody I know. There's a certain relation. He's a man and he doesn't understand anything about faith, if you say one thing, he'll

say another. Just for an argument's sake. He always thinks that he's really right because he watches the news, doesn't watch anymore, but he listens to it. No, it means just die to yourself. Is it worth an argument? Is it worth a fight? No, it's not. So just let it go.

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Now *a garden is a place* or a plot of ground *that you specifically set aside for growing things that you like*, whether for food or for beauty or just for looking at it, such as flowers and roses, etc.

A garden is a place where you sow seeds, and you come to water and cultivate those seeds, **because you have a purpose in mind**. And if we do not cultivate our garden, of our mind, then other seeds that fall into our garden will compete with the specific thing we want to harvest. You all want to be like Brother Branham, but You're not willing to sow the seeds that he harvested. You're not willing to water the seeds that he harvested.

Therefore, we must cultivate the seeds which we want and root out those things we do not wish to come to harvest.

In other words, you have to get in your garden. You have to pull out the weeds, you have to cultivate the land and cultivate the ground. So it's not hard and the water runs off of it, but actually the water will run into it.

In other words we don't go through all that work in taking care of a garden just for the shear enjoyment of turning over soil & breaking rocks, if we did, then prison would be a fun place to go. You could crack all the rocks you want, and you could turn over the gardens all you want.But we must have a certain **PURPOSE** in mind.

A garden has to be plotted out, and there must be a **PLAN** in your mind as to how you would like to see your garden turn out. For if there is no plan, you will have an awful time trying to harvest what you sowed. Could you image planting a garden where you go out and grab a handful of carrot seeds and you just toss them up in the air, not really caring where they land. And then on top of that you throw celery seeds and you throw other seeds? And so it's all mixed together. There's no order, there's no resemblance. How are you going to harvest it?

Try grabbing a bag of corn seeds and toss them out onto the ground. Then repeat the same process with watermelon seeds, radishes, cucumbers, tomatoes, potatoes, beans, peas, and whatever else you would like to harvest. I imagine the sowing might be easy, but come harvest time, you're going to have a real mess trying to sort out just what you sowed.

And yet this is the way many of us go about our daily lives and especially our spiritual lives. Can you imagine someone trying to store up earthly treasures without a plan. Do you have a plan for your heavenly treasure? And yet that is exactly what we do with storing up Heavenly treasure. So if you don't have a plan, how do you're going to make it in this life? How are you going to make it in the other?

You see, well, I'm a housewife. I just stay at home, no, you have a plan. My house is cluttered, full of Clutter. So, I'm not saying this about my house. I'm just saying this for an example. So you say, OK, I'm going to do the 26th rule. It's I'm going to take 26 items a day and I'm going to get rid of them. Put them in the garbage, do whatever. Or do you just put them in a bag and shove that bag somewhere else? And so now you got all the clutter. Oh, yeah, I cleaned up 26 items. Where did it go? In the garbage? Well, no, I just moved from one place to another.

That's not cleaning your house. Cleaning your house is cleaning your house. Clening your mind is cleaning your mind. In other words, don't hold on to it for another day. Well, I know Sister Susie. She likes to gossip. So I'll call her and we can have fun and gossip. But then I'll go back to being a Christian. Do you think you really will, or do you think you'll pick up her spirit on you?

Listen, it's very easy to pick up a spirit. That's why I've kept this church clean. That's why certain men came into this church and one of them was just a womanizer. And I asked him to leave. He thought, who in the world would ask you to leave? I did, because I don't want the young people in this church becoming fornicators and adulterers like that man was, you see? So, we've got to clean this church. We have to clean our lives. We have to create an atmosphere of expectation that God, what He said, is going to happen. And you can't do that by compromising.

Matt 6:19-20 therefore, Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break in and steal: 20 but lay-up treasure for yourselves in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

In other words, do everything you can for that place that you're going to. Don't worry about this place. This place it's ordained to be burned, and you know that. So have you ever seen a rich man go in his coffin and his pockets are lined with gold and silver? I don't think so, because by the time he's buried, it would be gone. By the time he goes to the undertaker, it would be gone. They don't tell you at your deathbed. They don't say what a great business deal you did.

Boy, you could sure sell houses you could sure market anything. No, they say, that guy was such a giving person. He helped out this one and this one. The people that showed up at my brother in law's funeral, 1200 people, many of them Amish, many of them travel for 50 to Sixty miles. Why? Well, he'd go over to their house at night on Sunday night. Bring a gallon of ice cream so the kids could eat ice cream or he do something else for them, or he helped them on their farm or he helped them to put up a fence. Or he helped them do this. And the people loved him.

My mother-in-law was the same way. She had lots of people at her funeral because she had sinners and Saints alike, people that you wouldn't even want to be near. And yet they came because she treated them with dignity. That's the way we're supposed to be.

Many of *us struggle because we have not learned this first principle of sowing and reaping*. We too often look at the man who is wealthy and we say, "he's a crook and that is why he is wealthy".

Now, that may be true in part, but the reason that man is wealthy is because he has applied a principle of sowing and reaping which many of us are not willing to do. He had a plan to gain wealth and he was dedicated to that plan and so his whole life became structured around that that plan, and therefore he reaped what he sowed.

I have no jealousy for one minute of those who have worked very hard for what they have. They deserve it. But I do feel sorry for them in the same way in which I feel sorry for the poor farmer who loses his crops to hail or tornados.

I feel sorry for the person who has money in his pocket. But his children despise him and they hate him and so he ends up in divorce. Oh, he might have the money, but see, he didn't sow to his family either, so he doesn't have a complete victory. Many of them, if not the majority of them who are very wealthy, have stored up their treasure in the wrong place. Because they'll only be able to enjoy what they have sown for a season.

Therefore, I want what will **not** become rusted, and moth eaten. I want that which will truly stay with me all throughout Eternity. And Jesus told us if we "*seek ye first the Kingdom of God, then all these things shall be added to you*." Now what things shall be added? Well, let's turn in our Bibles to Matthew.

Now, In Matthew 6:27-24 I want you to notice we are told to *take no thought concerning certain things.* Now He is not telling us that these things are not important to us, but that our thought pertaining to these things needs to be directed, not at those things, but at the Kingdom of God from whence cometh all good things.

In other words, Lord, I want to work hard, I want to make money so that I can help others who can't, or who live in such poverty that if I can help them put shoes on their feet, they'll be a better person for it. Or if I can help them put some food on the table, then they'll be a better person for it, you see? So he's not saying it's not important, he just saying redirect. In other words, if my motive is to help others, that's what He's talking about, from whence cometh all good things.

In other words, Jesus is telling them that their focus needs to be on the right thing. This is the same principle we see in dealing with the poor in very backward countries.

A brother one time said, well, why are you doing all this thing?

You're helping these churches, you're doing this and that and the other. And I said because I won't take it with me, I can't take it with me. And I'm not going to build up my own coffers so that my children will be wealthy or even that my wife will be wealthy. Because if we don't suffer with Him, we won't reign with Him. And if my children don't suffer, they won't reign. And if my wife don't suffer, she won't reign. You see, people spoil their kids. They give them what they want.

Like, I'll just tell you a story I heard the other day. There was a little girl who her parents spoiled her rotten. She didn't understand what the word no meant. And one day lightning struck and the wires came down in front of their house and they were burning holes in the ground. And she goes, oh, look at it sparkles. It's like a sparkler. And she went, and she grabbed the thing and her dad said, no, don't do it, don't. And she didn't know what the word no meant. She was not an obedient child. And so she grabbed the sparkler, what she though and she was instantly dead.

So take no thought concerning certain things. Now He is not telling us that these things are not important to us. But "*seek ye first the Kingdom of God, then all these things shall be added to you*.

The people are starving to death, and we feel sorry for them, but if we just feed them, then they will always be dependent upon us.

A brother that I've been helping for 20 years in Uganda and I finally told about eight brothers there. I said, look, I've helped you for 20 years. I've had a stroke. I don't have things like I used to have and so I'm cutting back a little. I want to make sure my wife is taken care of because when I leave I want to make sure that she's taken care of. And so that was fine. At this point I wasn't expecting people to be totally rejecting it, they understood. But then about a month later he said, I'm going to go to Tanzania.

I've been invited to preach there and I just can't afford it. I don't have the money. And I said, well, brother, Brother Branham said if God sends you, He'll take care of you. I said look to Him, He's your Father. We all have the same Father. And you know what? He sent me, just the other day. He sent me pictures, a whole bunch of pictures of his very successful meeting, and somehow God made a way for him to travel without going into debt. He was so happy to see the supernatural God take over his situation.

Like Brother Bosworth said, I will go. He said God would send me to a place. He said, I knew God sent me and I'll go to this train station with my bags packed. But I didn't have money for a ticket. And he said someone might come by and say, oh, where are you going? I'm going to such and such a preach, oh, can I help? And they buy the ticket. And it's like he said the supernatural God was always there.

And I've told you people to write these things down in a book. Every time God helps you with something, write it in a book. And then you're going to go look back and you're going to say, wow, I had that many things. That God has interceded in my life.

Yes, He's been watching over you, Like that person said, from Brother Branham, footprints on the sands of time. The person got to heaven. And he said, well, Jesus, I just have a question. Why were you walking with me in the good times

and everything else but in the hard times? He said there's only one set of footprints. He said, because I was carrying you and those are my footprints. So you see, God will step in for you. He'll fight your battles for you. Don't fight them at all. If you're going to fight, then God will let you fight. That's right. That's the way it works.

If you think that money will take care of a situation, you'll just say, money will take care of a situation. I try to get it. If you go to Him and say, Lord, I don't know, I haven't got a clue how you're going to do this, but this is what I need. He'll do it. And you're going to say, how did this ever happen? But it happened, because God did it. All right, So take no thought concerning things.

But if we teach them how to sow and reap, then they will learn how to provide for themselves.

Now, I've applied this in the mission work where men would come to me and say, well, I've got 30 men in my church, but I don't have any tithe. I can't live on any tithe. I don't have any tithe, because they don't have jobs. I said, well, do they all eat? Oh yeah, there's plenty of food in the forest. You can go out and get bananas. You can get, papaya. You can get pineapples, You can get coffee. You can get all these products. And free.

God put them there. I said, well, why don't you have them? If they collect 10 coffee beans, have them bring one to the church. If they collect 10 bananas, have them bring one to the church. If they collect 10 pineapples, have them bring one to the church. I said, now you got tithes.

Or I said, you as a pastor, I've been supporting you. You can buy 30 shovels and now you got a team of 30 ditch diggers and you can get work all right. So there's many, many ways. And So what we finally did was, that this church we bought 22 plots of land as big as eight acres as small as three acres.

And we said now have a contract with your church. Have every family in the church that's interested in having their own place to grow, so, they can grow other things like potatoes and cabbages and things like that. You have very fertile soil. And then when they went and each person in the church, if there's 30 people that are unemployed, they got 30 workers in the field and you can each have 1/4 acre because you know 8 acres divided by 4 is 32.

So you have a 1/4 acre which is 100 by 100 meters or a little over 100 by 100 meters. And you can help each other and one can teach another how to plow and

how to sow and this and that. And then you're going to have all these crops from the church. And I've seen pictures, they sent me pictures where they brought to the church and they laid out a big huge tablecloth.

And it would just piled up with corn and maze and stuff, that they brought. So, and then of course the pastor was able to sell it and actually have an income to live on. So you can teach them how to grow, and you can do that.

So Therefore, what we are looking at is having the right focus. He said take no thought for these specific things. All right, seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these things will be added to you.

Take no thought about just the eating, or just the specific piece of clothing that you need, but focus **on where** those things come from and then you will always have plenty.

I remember Brother Vayle told me he was teaching on faith and he said he knew of a sister in Saskatchewan who like to help indigent people and people that were poor. And one man came to her house in his stocking feet and it was snowing outside and he said I don't have any shoes. So she said, well, let's pray. And they prayed that God would bring a pair of shoes. The problem was he wore a size 13.

There was only one other person in the town that wore size 13 and that was a rich man. And that night God woke him up, and He said, take one of your pairs of shoes over to such and such an address. And so he did, and met the prayers of the woman. So you know God will do things in a way, which can only be explained that it is divinely, supernaturally done. And you can give God all the praise and honor and glory.

Now I know there's Sister Vayle told me as a joke, and we shouldn't be joking from the pulpit. But she said there was a woman who was praying for food and so some boys heard her every day. She opened the sash and she was praying for food. So they thought they would pull a prank on her. And so they put some food on her porch. They hid in the bushes. And when she came out, she said, oh praise the Lord, praise the Lord, you answer my prayer. And they said, no, God didn't answer your prayer. We did it. And she said, I don't care who delivered it. If it was Satan himself, I've thanked the Lord because I asked the Lord and he had it delivered to me. So that's the way it should be. That you should thank God for every circumstance.

It doesn't matter who does it. It doesn't matter if it's the guy that you hate or the guy that you love. It doesn't matter if the woman that you hate or the woman you love. If it's answers a prayer, it answers a prayer. You know, people say, well, I

wouldn't take nothing from that person. Why? Why should you consider the person or the vessel? That means nothing. Get your eyes off the vessel. Get your eyes on the God who's answering your prayer. So it doesn't matter where it comes from.

Learn to sew and you shall also reap.

2 Corinthians 7:7-10 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, [so let him give]{**so let him sow**}; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

This reminds me here of the man whose family had a poor crop, and they were facing a harsh winter. They had just a bag of grain left over from the poor harvest and the children cried out to eat it. The father said, no, for if we do that, then surely, we shall die. They made it through the winter, but it was a real struggle, but when the spring came forth, the father planted his seeds and they brought forth a bountiful harvest.

Now, Paul continues, [Amplified Bible] And God who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your resources for sewing, and increase the fruits of your righteousness which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness and charity, and thus you will be enriched in all things and in every way, so that you can be generous, and your generosity as it is administered by us will bring forth thanksgiving to God.

And so, you see, we must have the proper focus and the proper plan if we are to bring forth out of the garden of our mind, a harvest of Eternal blessing. We wonder how we're going to be kings and priests. It starts now. Train yourself to be a king. Train yourself to be an intercessor. That's what a priest does, doesn't he? He's a mediator. We are promised that God, who gave us the seed to begin with *will also multiply that seed* as we sow properly.

[**NIV**] Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and <u>increase your store of seed</u> and <u>will enlarge</u> the <u>harvest</u> of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

We know the seed came forth from Him and therefore it already has in it everything that we will ever need for living and for bringing forth a Character that is in His Image (Mind). And just one more thought here I just want to say, it's not that the man wrote the letter and said, would you please pray for these people? Because had he just said that, I'm sure the money would have been there. People out of the goodness of their heart would send money to help out, to buy food, to buy clothing for the children, whatever. But no, he was begging and David said I've been young and now I'm old and never have I seen the Lord's righteous forsaken nor begging bread. So don't come with, we need your help, they don't need our help.

The brother said, oh, I can't go. I can't make this mission trip because I need your help. And I said I'm sorry but I can't help you. But my Father can. Go to Him. You see, when he learned that God did help him, then he said, hey, God did something supernatural in my life. He made a way where I couldn't make it. That's what God wants to do. That's what He's sitting around to do. He wants to do that in every one of your lives. God wants to help you with everything. Be like a child, and ask Him. So we know the seed came forth from Him and therefore it already has in it everything that we will ever need for living and for bringing forth a Character that is in His Image

2 Peter 1: 2-4 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, **3** According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: **4** Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

What you mean? I'm asking for this and that and the other, and He's only gives me a promise. Well, you know what? You believe the promise. And it'll manifest. He'll be there. You see, that's what He's given us. His word. If I give you my word, I'm going to do something. I'm going to do that something.

Isaiah 60:21 "*Thy people shall be all righteous*: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I may be glorified."

Can you see God's purpose in His planting?

Isaiah 61:3 "that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

So your planting and your vessel of righteousness gives Him the praise, gives Him the glory.

Therefore, the purpose of being planted by God is to bring forth His Glory, which is His thoughts in an expressed form.

In Ephesians 1: 2-5 We see that we were in Christ before the world was framed, therefore we are a seed, that was in Him. And are told here that while we were still in Him we were "Blessed with all Spiritual Blessings in Heavenly Places in Christ." And then he goes on to tell us that in order to bring forth these seeds that were in Him, He had to have a plan.

In verse 5 we are told *that He pre-planned for us to come forth to the adoption of children to Himself.*

And this is according to His Will or plan, which He further elucidates in verses **10-11** where he tells us that *it will happen according to His Purpose (His Plan)*.

Therefore, I hope you see the importance of having a purpose or plan for every seed thought that we want to bring forth to harvest. In order to reap we must not only sow, but we must learn how to sow as well. Because you cannot sow just any which way and expect to reap a harvest that is orderly.

Isaiah 61:11 "For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord will cause righteousness to spring forth in the presence of all nations."

Now the garden is laid out with an order to it. As we see in **Genesis 1:11** that "everything will bring forth after its own kind, or nature".

So if you want rhubarb in this corner, just plant rhubarb seed. Don't plant the other, because everything will come forth after its kind. If you want your watermelons all together, plant them in this corner, if you want your grapes and whatever, just plant them where they're supposed to be. So everything after its kind.

But even before we see God laying out this law of reproduction, he first brought together everything that was of like kind, and then the law of reproduction was given.

Notice in **Genesis 1:9-10** we see that everything was gathered together with like kind before the law of reproduction was introduced into His Creation. Therefore, if we are to be able to bring forth from the garden of our mind in the same way that God has brought forth from His own mind, we must also follow his Example.

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and harvest. Our gardens must have an order to it if we expect to reap a good and profitable harvest.

If you're doing a cleaning of your house, don't start in your bedroom and pile everything on the bed and go in the kitchen. Pile everything up. No. Do one room at a time. In your garden you don't plant all over the place and expect to get anything done. Have an order to it. Have a plan to what you're doing. Clean one room, get it done. Then you go on to another room. You don't leave the whole house so that you have no place to eat or nothing else. You've got to be smart about these things. That's the way God wants us to plant in our mind. Be smart about it. I don't want all kinds of things planted in the same cells. I want to spread them out so that they bring forth righteousness, and that's what He's saying.

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If we have a plan that I'm going to get rid of 26 things, go to your closet, start there, start in one room. Get rid of 26 things in your closet. Then if you got 26 things more you want to get rid of, go to your drawers, then go to your basement, do it orderly, but not do it a little here, a little there, a little here, a little there. It'll never get done.

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Otherwise, you will spend all of your time just trying to sort out what it is that you have in your garden to begin with. As long as our thoughts are without purpose, they are allowed to just drift aimlessly and will never bring forth any fruit.

Thoughts which have no purpose fall easily to the anxieties of life, and pleasure seeking and other things which so easily rob you of victory of Peace and Grace, and lead you to a life of weakness and self-pity.

You know, my parents were really good when I was growing up because, when

the television was invented, we had one. It was about this big. And we were given, I think at first it was an hour a week, then it became an hour a day. Then it became 2 hours a day. But what I'm saying is they said, OK, I'm going to let you have enough of this. Like you can watch this show or this show, and if you don't want to watch, you go to your room, read a book. But the rest of us, we're going gather the family and watch this show. Then they just shut it off, put it away.

But what do we do? Let the kids go watch all day long. And pretty soon the kids have a minds that are just corrupted from all the stuff that's on the boob tube. They didn't call her a boob Tube for no reason. Because if you sit and watch that stuff, you become a boob, you become an idiot. Garbage in, garbage out. That's what we computer people say, right? Garbage in, garbage out. OK, you've got garbage take in. It's going to be garbage, that'll count your actions.

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In order to do this, our purpose should be to bring together our thoughts with our actions, tying together our body, soul and spirit into one energized being with one focus.

We should make this purpose our supreme duty, and we should devote ourselves to the fulfillment of this purpose, not allowing our thoughts to wander away into ephemeral fancies, longings, and imaginings.

This is the Royal road to self-control and true concentration of thought. And even if you fail again and again to accomplish your purpose, as you surely will until your weakness is overcome, the strength of character gained from this will be the real measure of success, and this will form a new starting point for future power and triumph.

Just look at Thomas Edison, He tried nearly 10,000 times to invent a workable light bulb, and finally he did it. But what if he had stopped after 9,999 tries? *Edison might have been [dis] courage, at the end of each day, but every time he got back up, the [dis] just flew away*.

Let's just bow our heads in prayer.

Gracious Father, we just pray that the dis would fly away from our lives as well.

May we never be discouraged but looking with patience for the promises that You promised us.

In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.