

Bible Study
I Will – Lesson 25
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I WILL SOW A SEED
Matthews 17:19-21

From our study on the 'I Will' series there is an emphasis to focus on what we are willing to do in service for the Lord and the church. A great date is looming ahead of us for in 2 ½ weeks we will have our annual 'Super Sunday' celebration. A time to participate in 'Seed Faith Giving'. The Bible covers tithing and offerings starting in Genesis through Revelation. I often wonder why this was called 'Seed Faith Giving'; why not just 'Faith Giving'. Then I began to make a connection while reading the books of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Primarily, the 'Sermon on the Mount'. Jesus used several Parables to teach the multitudes of people there about the impact of money on the hearts of man. Example: "Don't collect for yourselves treasure on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But collect for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth or rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:19-21). I then ran into the Parable about the 'Seed and the Sower'. It was at this point I started to investigate more closely the SEED.

The word seed is used over 280 times in the Bible (KJV) and represents everything from seed trees to seed faith. In Matt. 13:3-23 and Luke 8:5-15 Jesus teaches about the Seed and the Sower. The seed was interpreted in Matthew as the 'Word of the Kingdom', while in Luke it was the 'Word of God'. I then sort out a definition of the word SEED.... 'the fertilized and mature ovule of a flowering plant which enables the species to perpetuate itself [Reproduce].

I like to share with you three aspects of a seed and the role of a sower.

- I. The Potential of a Seed (Genesis 1:11)
 - A. The Magnificent of God's creation
 - B. The Multiplicity of God's plan

- II. The Process of a Seed (Matt. 17:19-21)
 - A. There is an incubation period
 - B. There is an impatient period

- III. The Purpose of a Seed (Matt. 13:24-30 & 36-43)
 - A. To produce good fruit (physically, spiritually, emotionally and financially)
 - B. To promote our faith through prayer and fasting