



**FOLLOWERS OF JESUS LISTEN & OBEY**  
**MARK 4:1-20**

**HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND PRODUCE FRUIT**

# **5 FEATURES OF THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER**

**THE SECRET**

**THE SOWER**

**THE SEED**

**THE SOIL**

**THE SUCCESS**

# THE SECRET

**“...A HEAVENLY TRUTH THAT IS CONCEALED FROM HUMAN UNDERSTANDING BUT IS MADE KNOWN BY GOD. IT IS ‘NOT A MYSTERY IN THE SENSE THAT IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE, BUT IT IS A ‘SECRET’ IN THAT NOT EVERYONE YET KNOWS IT.’”**

**DAVID E. GARLAND, MARK, THE NIV APPLICATION COMMENTARY (GRAND RAPIDS, MI: ZONDERVAN PUBLISHING HOUSE, 1996), 157.**

# ISAIAH 6

**9 AND HE SAID, “GO, AND SAY TO THIS PEOPLE:**

**“KEEP ON HEARING, BUT DO NOT UNDERSTAND,  
KEEP ON SEEING, BUT DO NOT PERCEIVE.’**

**10 MAKE THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE DULL,**

**AND THEIR EARS HEAVY,**

**AND BLIND THEIR EYES,**

**LEST THEY SEE WITH THEIR EYES,**

**AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS,**

**AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEARTS,**

**AND TURN AND BE HEALED.”**



# 1 CORINTHIANS 2

**7 BUT WE IMPART A SECRET AND HIDDEN WISDOM OF GOD, WHICH GOD DECREED BEFORE THE AGES FOR OUR GLORY. 8 NONE OF THE RULERS OF THIS AGE UNDERSTOOD THIS, FOR IF THEY HAD, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE CRUCIFIED THE LORD OF GLORY. 9 BUT, AS IT IS WRITTEN,**

**“WHAT NO EYE HAS SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD,  
NOR THE HEART OF MAN IMAGINED,  
WHAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM”—**

**10 THESE THINGS GOD HAS REVEALED TO US THROUGH THE SPIRIT. FOR THE SPIRIT SEARCHES EVERYTHING, EVEN THE DEPTHS OF GOD.**

# 1 CORINTHIANS 2

7 BUT WE IMPART A SECRET AND HIDDEN WISDOM OF GOD, WHICH GOD

**THE DOCTRINE OF ILLUMINATION**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS BELIEVERS**

**UNDERSTAND SPIRITUAL THINGS**

10 THESE THINGS GOD HAS REVEALED TO US THROUGH THE SPIRIT. FOR THE  
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# THE SOWER

WHOEVER SOWS THE WORD

# THE SEED

**THE SECRET OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

**THE GOSPEL “GOOD NEWS” / THE WORD**

**IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE SECRET  
OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD,  
KNOW JESUS.**

**THE JOB OF THE SOWER OF THE SEED OF THE  
GOSPEL IS TO SOW THE GOSPEL EVERYWHERE**

# THE SOIL

THE PERSON WHO HEARS...  
(OR DOESN'T HEAR) THE WORD OF GOD

# THE SUCCESS

THE FRUIT/RESULT OF THE SEED SOWN

**DID I PLANT EVERYWHERE I COULD?**

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**WHAT FRUIT IS EVIDENT IN MY LIFE?**

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