## **Bless This Seed**

Proverbs 11:18; Matthew 13; Mark 4; 1 Corinthians 3:5-9; 2 Corinthians 9:6; 1 Thessalonians 1:3



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LEAD-IN: Neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. (1 Corinthians 3:7, NIV)

## **Consider the Seed**

"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life." (John 12:24-25, NIV)

Consider the seed.

It's so small...and hard...and dry...
very unspectacular in appearance.
We bury it in the earth.
We water it. We tend it.
We protect it. We watch it.
And do you know what happens?
Nothing.
Nothing happens...for a long time.

But hidden in that seed is a mysterious, powerful, irrepressible life. And if we wait patiently, one day a tiny, tender sprout begins to push up through the earth. That sprout becomes a little stem, and after much more watering and tending and protecting, it produces flowers for us to see and smell. It gives delicious fruit for us to eat and enjoy.

But do you know what else it produces?

More seeds!

Our one seed is now hundreds, even thousands of seeds.

And if those seeds fall to the ground and die, each of them bears flowers and fruit and gives more and more seeds.

The entire earth could become a beautiful, fruitful garden from one seed.

Jesus Christ was one seed. Each of us is just...one...seed.

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