LIGHT IS SOWN FOR THE RIGHTEOUS

Psa 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Psa 97:11 <u>Light is sown</u> for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

In the verses above we see the progression of revelation that God desires us to have in order to bear fruit in our lives. Unfortunately, many of us are ignorant of this progression. When God's Word has entrance into our minds it brings light. This light is glorious, but for it to bring transformation and fruit in our lives it must be sown in our hearts. Often we are deceived by the light!

Jas 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not **hearers only, deceiving your own selves**.

When we hear the Word then light comes. The entrance of the Word brings light. But this light can be deceptive because we think because we see a truth that we possess that truth and it will help us. It will not help us unless that light is sown first. Just merely seeing light will not do this.

Mar 4:16-17 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, **immediately receive it with gladness**; And **have no root in themselves**, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

When we see a truth from God's Word we get excited! But light by itself will have limited effect unless it is sown into our heart, puts down roots, and brings forth fruit. You might ask, "Can light be sown?" Yes! The book of Psalms says it can! Then you may ask, "Can light produce fruit?" Yes!

Eph 5:9 for the **fruit of the light** is in all goodness and righteousness and truth,

The fruit that light produces is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth! The problem with a majority of Christians is not a lack of hearing or intellectually knowing the Word. We do not have a light problem! Christians today have more light than any other generation of believers in church history! What is the problem then? The light has not

been sown, taken root, and then born fruit! Ask the average Christian what they heard in church last week and they will say, "I can't remember, but it was good!" That is because when they heard the Word they saw light. They even rejoiced in the light, but the light was not sown in them and did not take root. The light came and the light left!

Mat 13:12 For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

Jesus spoke of this principle. To one who really has the Word [rooted in them] then there will be fruit [have in abundance], but from the one who has not [the Word rooted in them] even what he [thinks He has because he saw the light] will be taken away. Have you ever wonder why your life is not a whole lot different than it has been in the past seeing you have heard thousands of sermons, read hundreds of Christian books, and even attended seminars! It is because you are constantly being exposed to light but that light has not taken root in you!

So, how do we let the Word be sown in us? It is by meditating on what we have heard. It is sticking with the light we have seen and not letting it go. It is by going over and over and over that truth that we have seen until it becomes sown in us, becomes a part of us, and the light bears its fruit!

Jas 1:25 But whoso <u>looketh into the perfect law of liberty</u>, and <u>continueth therein</u>, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be <u>blessed in his</u> <u>deed</u>.

The word for "looketh" in this verse means to bend down and steadfastly look at something. Many of us on a walk just walk by things and behold casually. This word here means that we see something lovely like a flower and bend down with hands on our knees and stare at it for a long while, taking in every detail. We need to do this with the light we have seen from the Word. If you have seen light from the Word you need to write it down and then go over it and over it. I would not recommend reading a bunch of Christian books one after another. I would spend time in God's Word and then what He shows you in the Word write it down and then spend hours meditating on what you have seen. The more you look the more you will see. The light will be sown in you and it will bear fruit! I am not saying don't read Christian books, but what I am saying is that the majority of your time should be in the Word of God and then meditating on what you have seen from it. When you do this you will be blessed in your deed. This means you will bear fruit!

2Ti 2:6 The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops.

Here we see a spiritual principle for ministers. As a minister we want to minister life changing truth to people. However, before we can minister life changing truth we must first have our life changed by that truth. A minister is seen as a hardworking farmer that sows the seed. The first person that must partake of the seed sown and its fruit is the farmer! So many ministers are ministering the light they have seen from the Word, but that light has not taken root in them and is not bearing fruit. The most powerful ministers are not ministering light but they are ministering the fruit of that light! They are ministering what is working in their own life! We must be the first to partake of the fruit before others can. Let light be sown in you and then partake of its fruit first and then God will bring others to you to partake also!