I. Introduction.
   B. The majority of Christians are not soul-winners living the victorious Christian life.
   C. The goal is to increase the number of effective laborers for Jesus in the world.
   D. The secret to accomplishing this is in “good seed.”

II. The “good seed.”
   A. The good seed are the people of the kingdom.
      1. These have life.
      2. They are able to reproduce.
   
      B. Great works of God come out of men claiming His promises in prayer.
      1. One starts with Christ and then moves out to the disciplines.
      2. This is the reason behind the reason of the good seed.

III. Reasons behind the good seed.
   A. It has life.
      1. It is Christ’s resurrection life that it has.
      2. Only Christ’s life can reproduce spiritually. (John 15:4-5)
      3. The Christian life is not a do it yourself kit.
      4. The end of the Christian life is Christ living in you. (Galatians 2:20)
         a. We are dependent upon the Holy Spirit for power in the Christian life over sin.
         b. We cannot acquire the ability of Jesus Christ without Him in us.
      
      5. What the life is like.
         a. It is living.
         b. It flows through a person.
c. There is a constant dependence upon it.

d. It is life giving.

e. It is abundant and inexhaustible.

f. It is powerful against the enemy. (Ephesians 1:19-23, Joshua 10:24)

g. It is appropriated by faith. We are to trust more as we grow becoming increasingly dependent upon God. (Ephesians 1:19)

h. It must be sown.

B. It is sown in the field by Christ.

  1. It cannot be sown out of a need, but it must be born out of a calling of God. (Matthew 15:13)

  2. That which is of the flesh will always be of the flesh. This is not spiritual reproductivity.

  3. God is not looking for brains and ideas but for someone to carry out His ideas. (John 1:6)

  4. We all need a personal commission from our personal God. (Exodus 3:4)

      a. This will give the believer security.

      b. It will also give an inner dynamism and freedom.

C. It is able to reproduce because it dies.

  1. The life of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:10)

      a. For this to happen there must be death.

      b. This death of self results in life for other men. (John 12)

  2. Other men.

      a. A life lived for self is a lonely life.

      b. Stages for reproduction.

        1) Falling into the ground.

        2) Dying to self effort, to God given talent, etc.

      c. There is a reward for dying to self—Christ’s life and the lives of others. (Isaiah 40:43)
Application questions

1. What is good seed and what characterizes it?

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2. How is this seed dependent? How does this contrast with the philosophy of the world?

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3. Why is death to self important in the Christian life? What things do you need to experience a kind of death to?

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