

THE ROAD TO HEALING MANIFESTATIONS #3

We're discussing, how to go down the road to healing manifestations, or to bear fruit and why.

The why is found in John 15:8.

John 15:8

8Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

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The how is found in Mark 4:14-20

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14The sower soweth the word.

15And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

16And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

17And 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.

18And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,

19And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

20And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

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There are three steps down this road.

STEP 1 = UNDERSTAND THE WORD SO SATAN CAN'T STEAL THE WORD.

Mark 4:15

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Matt 13:18-19

18Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.

19When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

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The next step is found in Mark 4:16 & 17 where these people have heard the word and understand it but then have to take the second step.

**STEP 2 = STRENGTHEN WHAT YOU UNDERSTAND
SO YOU WON'T ABANDON YOUR BELIEFS
WHEN DIFFICULTY ARISES.**

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Step three is found in Mark 4:18 & 19 where these people have heard the word and understand it and have strengthened what they understand and now are ready to take the third step toward their manifestation.

STEP 3 = FOCUS – DON'T ALLOW DISTRACTIONS

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Notice with each step down the road to manifestations, the number of people it refers to, grows smaller. It's not an easy road.

Vs 15 – A huge group – All want fruit (not always willing to do what it takes to get it). Many hear and hear and hear and never understand the word.

Vs 16 & 17 – A large group – On the way to fruit. These hear, understand, endure for awhile, but still abandon what they believe when difficulty comes.

(i.e. Israeli Army vs. Goliath / Peter's denial of Christ)

Vs 18 & 19 – A small group – Closer to fruit. Now, there are even fewer examples in scripture because it involves fewer people. We'll mention a few in a while.

Vs 20 – A few – Produce fruit or arrive at manifestations.

Let's talk about step 3 – FOCUS – DO NOT BE DISTRACTED!

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This is a warning about the effect that cares, riches, pleasures will have on the word and how they will cause the word to not produce what it should in your life.

Luke 8:14

14And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

Cares = distractions (solicitude)

= heavy sense of responsibility (life is full of responsibilities, but when become weighty they are called cares!!)

Deceitfulness of riches = delusions about money and possessions

Pleasures = strong desires, sensual delights.

All three of these areas will choke the Word and make it fruitless.

When something is choked, the supply is being cut off.

When a human is choking, the wind pipe has been cut off from it's supply of oxygen.

When we get caught with one of these three things; heavy responsibilities, delusions about money, or strong desires, we cut off the supply that the word brings to us which is the very things that produces fruit (or manifestations).

To choke literally means to hinder by obstruction.

When we deal with these three, cares, riches, or lust, we obstruct or block the word so that it can not produce fruit (or a manifestation).

You and I can get so taken up with the responsibilities of life and the heaviness of it that we can starve the Word of God in our hearts.

We can starve the Word in our life

That we need in our life

To bring forth fruit in our life.

Matt 6:24-33

24"You cannot serve two masters: God and money. For you will hate one and love the other, or else the other way around.

25"So my counsel is: Don't worry about things-food, drink, and clothes. For you already have life and a body-and they are far more important than what to eat and wear. 26Look at the birds!

They don't worry about what to eat-they don't need to sow or reap or store up food-for your heavenly Father feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than they are. 27Will all your worries add a single moment to your life?

28"And why worry about your clothes? Look at the field lilies! They don't worry about theirs.

29Yet King Solomon in all his glory was not clothed as beautifully as they. 30And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won't he more surely care for you, O men of little faith?

31"So don't worry at all about having enough food and clothing. Why be like the heathen? For they take pride in all these things and are deeply concerned about them. But your heavenly

Father already knows perfectly well that you need them, 33and he will give them to you if you give him first place in your life and live as he wants you to.

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Step 3 = STAY FOCUSED ON WHAT YOU UNDERSTAND

Don't allow any other thing to starve out what you understand

Don't neglect what you understand.

We must protect the Word so it can be fruitful.

My garden gets planted every spring.

But do you know that by the end of summer, I can't even see my flowers for all the weeds that have sprung up. If I let the weeds grow long enough, they actually choke my flowers.

All these distractions keep us from being focused on the Word and it's promises.

Cares, discietfulness of riches, and lust of other things are all cares and the heavy weight of responsibility. The answer is to "take no thought" or at least to "take no thought saying.."

Matt 6:31-32

31Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:)

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Obviously from this passage, we can become as worried about life as the world. This should not be so. Trust in God. Let's let God care for us and about us.

1 Peter 5:7

7Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

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7Let him have all your worries and cares, for he is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you.

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God does not want your focus to be on yourself and your responsibilities; but on others and serving.

Why?

Because it takes all of your attention.

These cares will distract you from what is really important.

A little book called, "The Tyranny of the Urgent," puts life in proper perspective when it tells us that the urgent things in life scream the loudest and if we do not manage our priorities well, we can be running around after what seems to be urgent and never accomplish the most important things.

You and I are responsible for what we give our attention to (focus on).

Matt 6:33-7:1

33But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

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Our needs will be met as we focus on God.

If our focus is on the temporal how can we expect eternal manifestations.

Remember Gal 6:9 God is not mocked – what you sow to is what you'll reap from.

Luke 16:13-15

13No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

14And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.

15And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

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Our beliefs formed by the Word must be greater than what we value on the earth or we will not produce fruit (manifestations).

We value our jobs, our paychecks, our homes, cars, food, clothing, but if we tend to these instead of the word, the word will not bear fruit.

Think of the Word of God as a means to the end.

My Grandfather tended to his seeds. The seeds brought a harvest (fruit). The yield from those seeds provided for their other needs like homes, cars, food, clothing.

Some are so consumed with cares, the only time they think about God is in church.

God has a different value system concerning the cares of the earth.

Luke 21:29-36

29And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

30When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

32Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

33Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

34And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

35For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Read Luke 21:34-36 in the amplified.

I worked diligently with a person who had cancer once, trying to refocus him on the word of God. He carried such a heavy weight of responsibility for providing financially for his family that I couldn't help him. He would stay on the phone even when he was bedfast doing business. The cares choked the word and the word in him couldn't produce the fruit of health.

For your understanding of the word to produce fruit in your life (or a manifestation of healing) you need to do a few things:

- 1 Feed on the word constantly
- 2 think about the word constantly
- 3 strengthen what you understand
- 4 give yourself completely to it.

Do it until you are not weighed down or overburdened.

Heb 12:1-2

12:1Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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Lay aside the cares that pertain to the business of life.

A weight is anything that hinders your progress.

Your progress on the road to manifestations can be hindered by cares.

Clear the road. Focus on Jesus and the Word.

Run on an unencumbered path.

Let's look at a scriptural example.

1 Tim 6:6-10(read amp if time)

6But godliness with contentment is great gain.7For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.8And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.9But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.10For the love of money is the root of all evil: which **while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith,** and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

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He's talking about people who have heard the word, understood the word, endured for a time and are now being side tracked. They are wandering off the road

Luke 18:18-23

18And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

19And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God.
20Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.
21And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.
22Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.
23And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.
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There is more responsibility given to wealthy people in the word of God.

If you've forgotten what you learned at church in a few hours after or even a few days after church, you've lost focus, or you didn't understand what you heard.

Here's another example (a sad one).

2 Tim 4:10

10For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; KJV

John talks about loving the world;

1 John 2:15-16

15Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

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How can you love not the world?

Don't think about it.

Love the people of the world and offer them salvation.

John's talking about three areas:

Lust of the FLESH –(strong desires)

Lust of the EYES-(possessions)

Pride of LIFE-(positions)

This is the same three things on the road in Mark 4

CARES, DECIETFULNESS OF RICHES, LUST OF OTHER THINGS.

These are the same three things that the Devil deceived Adam and Eve with;

She saw the tree was good for food

Pleasant for eyes

make you wise

Same three used to tempt Jesus;
Turn stones to bread
I'll give you all the kingdoms if worship me
If you're the son, throw yourself off and angels will catch you.

Most of the things we spend time focusing on are temporal.

2 Cor 4:18-5:1

18While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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