

SOW A SEED & CHANGE A LIFE

What a challenging and exciting concept, that we can dramatically change lives by simply speaking the right words in the appropriate time.

Words are like seeds that can be sown into people's lives.

The Gospel is a story that must be told - with words and actions.

Be a Sower of words that explains, enlightens, gives knowledge and understanding.

Let us sow seeds that reflect God's Word and His character.

A seed, a word sown in season - right timing.

Isaiah 50:4 (nkjv) "The Lord God has given me the tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary."

Preach the Word in every season of life.

2 Timothy 4:2 (nkjv) Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season.

Preaching is telling the unfold meaning of the Gospel - like sowing seeds of hope and a more favourable future.

God changes lives through the transforming power of the gospel of salvation preached.

Words spoken have the power to change attitudes in people and create a more conducive atmosphere for people to live a better life.

Proverbs 15:1 (niv) A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

(ESV) A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

It is our goal to change the inner and the outer environment and atmosphere of people's lives – through sowing seeds of love and tolerance etc

Our words and conduct do influence people outside of ourselves.

Through words we inspire and provoke thought in others, that encourage, comfort, and heal.

The power of the spoken word can kill or give life.

Proverbs 18:21 (msg) Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit - you choose.

(KJV) Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

But wise and right words produce satisfaction.

Proverbs 18:20-21(nlt) Wise words satisfy like a good meal; the right words bring satisfaction. 21: The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences.

Words can spur / stimulate others into action.

Ecclesiastes 12:11 (tlb) The wise man's words are like goads that spur to action. They nail down important truths. Students are wise who master what their teachers tell them.

(MSG) The words of the wise prod us to live well. They're like nails hammered home, holding life together. They are given by God, the one Shepherd.

Pleasing words have a soothing and healing effect on people.

Proverbs 16:24 (niv) Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Continue to always sow your seed in all weathers and at all times.

Ecclesiastes 11:6 (niv) Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.

Sow morning and evening and don't worry which will be successful or fruitful.

Sow with your trust that God will direct the seed to its rightful destination and cause it to germinate in people's lives.

However, seeds sown may not be immediately spring forth and their affects seen.

Like a seed sown in the earth - it must die or be allowed to germinate before it bursts forth through the earth demonstrating that it is alive.

Just like a natural seed planted in the ground – it is in “*the darkness*” of the earth that the seed germinates.

We are entrapped by our words.

Proverbs 6:2 (nkjv) You are snared by the words of your mouth; You are taken by the words of your mouth.

Jesus spoke of Himself as a Sower that went about sowing seeds.

Jesus refers to His followers as Sowers.

In the parable of the Sower in *Luke 8:11* the disciples were the Sowers and the seed sown was the Word of God.

Luke 8:11 (niv) "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God." (Read Luke 8: 4-15)

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus was the Sower, but the seed sown were people.

Matthew 13:37-38 (niv) He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38: The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one.

God sows people into the harvest fields of this world.

We are to sow our seed with tears of compassion and true sincerity.

Psalms 126:5-6 (niv) Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. 6: He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

Our reward and lasting joy of our seed sowing is in the changed lives for good and for God.

God's promise to every Sower.

2 Corinthians 9:10 (niv) Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

He will give seed to the Sower and supply bread for food and supply increase.

2 Corinthians 9:11-13 (niv) *You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 12: This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 13: Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.*

Christ was that seed that fell into the ground and died.

John 12:24 (nlt) *I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels - a plentiful harvest of new lives.*

John 12:24-25 (msg) *"Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. 25: In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal.*

Our lives are also like a seed will we, plant ourselves in this soil of this world we live in?

What about sowing our life into a great cause - the cause of Jesus Christ!