

Don't Skimp on the Seed

By Lou Lotz

The sower goes forth sowing, scattering gospel seed on the just and the unjust, the high and the low, the promising and the unpromising, never knowing where and when the seed might find fertile ground. Seeds sometimes grow in unexpected places. A crooked tax collector, so ashamed of himself that he dared not even lift his eyes to heaven, he was good soil. A prostitute who washed Jesus' feet with her tears, she was good soil. You never know where you're going to find good soil.

The Parable of the Sower is first and foremost about soil, and the question it asks is: What kind of soil are you? But sometimes we're also sowers.

At least I hope so. With our words and our witness we scatter God's seed, hoping for a harvest. As sowers, we shouldn't pre-judge the soil.

The sower broadcasts the seed, flinging it everywhere. He doesn't assume that some ground isn't worth a pinch of seed. The seed is plentiful, so why skimp?

Often we pre-judge people. We decide in advance who is worth our witness and who isn't. Who will likely respond to the gospel and who won't. Paul wasn't a promising candidate for conversion. Were you? Some human soil may look unpromising, but the sower goes on sowing and the results can be amazing. Shepherds stopped to listen. Fisherman dropped their nets. Zacchaeus climbed a tree. You just never know where you're going to find good soil.

What kind of seed are you casting out? What does your attitude say about the kind of sower you are?

Bible Verse

³"Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.

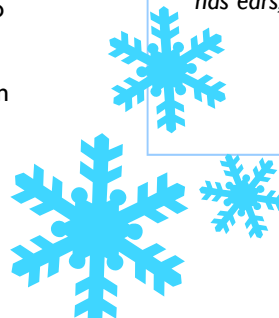
⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear."

Matthew 13:3-9

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January Calendar News

January 1st - Happy New Year! KPS Closed

January 5th - Annual TB Skin Test 1:15-2:15

January 7th - Mandatory Reading of TB skin tests

January 13th—Payday!

January 15th - FWCS Make-up day; We may have SA kids here all day.

January 18th - MLK Jr. Day KPS Open! FWCS closed; SA children will be here all day.

January 18th—Kindergarten in house fieldtrip. Park-view Hospital here from 2:00-2:30

January 27th—FWCS 1 hour delay

January 27th—Payday!

-Bits and Pieces-

- Melanie's anticipated return date is February 3rd. Many thanks goes to Katie for all her hard work filling in for Melanie while she was home with Nicholas.
- Please remember to use the maps outside your door to mark where your class is. Many parents have asked recently where their child's classmates are because the room is dark and no one is there. However, nothing is marked on the map as an indicator of where the class is.
- Please be patient with the punch clock device. Try tapping it lightly until the red light flickers and then attempt to clock in or out. Use the clipboard as a last resort as it creates quite a bit of additional work for Melanie when she reconciles time cards at the end of the week. Thanks!

A LOOK AT NEXT MONTH

- February 1st - Capt. Gomez in Kdg. Room at 9:15
- February 8th - FWCS Closed
- February 10th—Pay Day
- February 12th—Valentine's Parties
- February 17th - Mandatory Annual SCAN presentation; 1:15 & 2:00
- February 19th—FWCS 1 hour delay
- February 23rd—Vision Screenings
- February 24th—Pay Day

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Anonymous Bag

Q: If a staff member has their name on any items in the staff fridge, please do not use it!

A: Please be respectful of others' items and don't use anything that does not belong to you unless you have the owner's permission. Thank you!

Q: Can people please check their attitude at the door?

A: The Bible admonishes us to love one another. Please do your best to leave the challenges of 2009 behind you and start fresh with 2010. First Thessalonians 5:11 says, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." Ephesians 4:29 says, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building others up according to their needs."

Affirmation Box

Amy—You took care of staffing during the holidays FABULOUSLY! Thank you for stepping up and taking care of everything—You rock!

Amy—Thank you, Amy, for helping me unload all of the diapers from my car and for putting them into the storage closet. You and Dinky are official diaper helpers!

"Congratulations Amy!
You have won the Team Spirit award for this month."

January 10th - Darla Z.
January 10th - Chris A.
January 12th - Karen H.
January 30th - Ana B.

Happy Birthday!

Jan 6, 1992 - Darla
Jan 18, 2006 - Tonya
Jan 31, 2000 - Cheryl

KPS Anniversaries!

- Please remember to fax your Spring 2010 registration and books receipts with your Form B to Linda at TEACH. Put the originals in Melanie's in box for her records.

Education Updates!