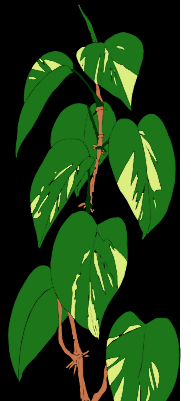




Mark 4:26-29

THE GROWING SEED



The Growing Seed-**Mark 4:26-29**

- **Parable setting similar to:**
 - The “Four Soils”, **Mark 4:1-20**
 - The Mustard Seed, **Mark 4:30-32**
- **Parable reveals God’s Kingdom**
 - Word of God produces fruit
 - Seed identified as God’s word, “Four Soils”
- **Growth production a mystery**
 - Sower sows and the seeds sprout
 - Growth is beyond comprehension



The Growing Seed-**Mark 4:26-29**

- **Growth is gradual & mysterious**
 - Step by step: Blade, Head, Full grain
 - Harvest eventually comes
 - Kingdom growth by virtue of God's word
- **“Growing Seed” compared to “Four Soils”**
 - “Four Soils” stresses human responsibility
 - Seed did not produce till sown
 - Good & noble heart required to produce
 - “Growing Seed” stresses God's divine power
 - Good & noble heart can't produce by itself

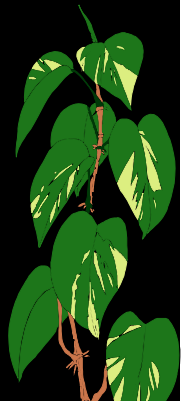


Word of God is Powerful



1. Can cause one to be born again

- **1 Peter 1:23-25**, *“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”*



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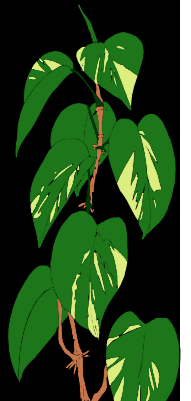


2. Can help one to grow

- **1 Peter 2:1-3**, *“Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.”*

3. Can save souls

- **James 1:21**, *“the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.”*



Word of God is Powerful

4. Can fill one with Spirit-giving life



- **Hebrews 4:12**, *“the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*
- **John 6:61-63**, *“Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”*



Two Uses of The Powerful “Seed”

1. Receive it properly into our lives & grow

- **Luke 8:15**, “on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.”
- **James 1:21**, “lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word...save your souls”
- **1 Peter 2:2**, “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow”



Two Uses of the Powerful “Seed”

2. Spread it for the growth of the Kingdom

- **Mark 4:3**, *“there went out a sower to sow...”*
- **Matthew 28:19-20**, *“Go...teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you”*
- **1 Corinthians 3:8-9**, *“he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God”*



Lessons From the Growing Seed

1. There is power in the seed. (God's word)
2. Our duty, sow; God will give increase
3. Having sown the seed, be patient and let God's will perfect the growth
4. Trust the seed's power to save the lost at the time of harvest



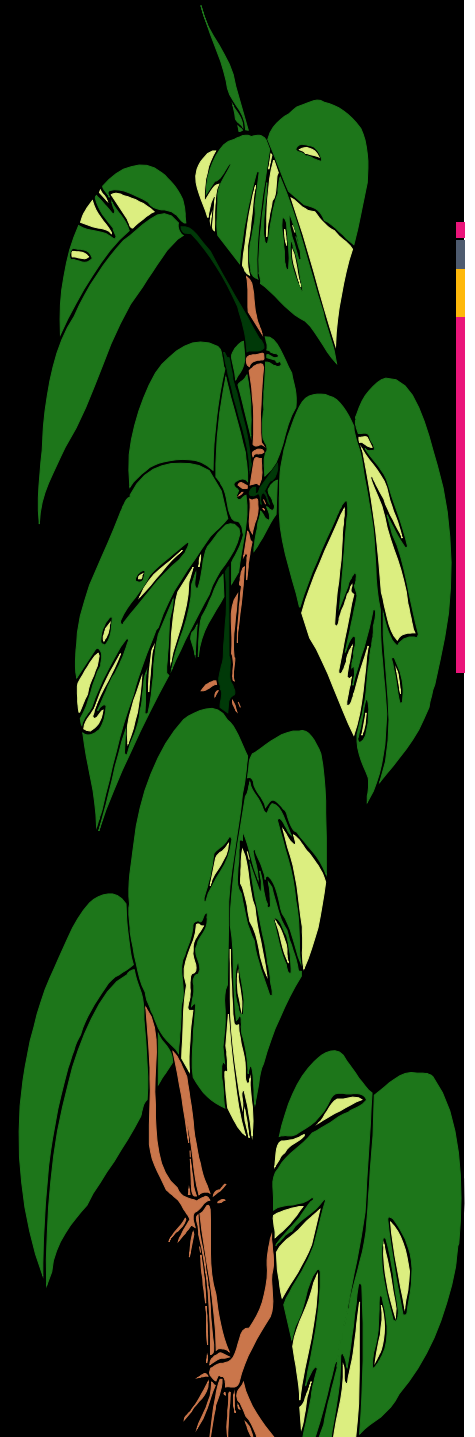
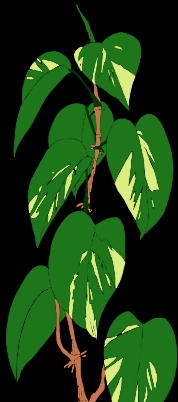
- **Romans 1:16-17, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."**





EFFECTS OF THE GROWING SEED

Mark 4: 30-32





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