

BE A BRINGER

"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus...." John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;...." I Samuel 12:23a



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Planting The Seed

As we ponder the meaning behind Luke 8:11, we can draw parallels with how one approaches learning. We've all been in classrooms where the lessons may not resonate with every student. Some absorb the knowledge effortlessly, while others might struggle to make sense of the teachings. Here, Jesus is emphasizing that God's word can have varied impacts on us based on our openness and willingness to accept it. The seed represents His teachings, the insights, the guidance that encompasses His love and grace.

When we think about the seed as the word of God, it reminds us that our spiritual journey is continuous. When we eagerly listen and allow it to integrate within our lives, we gain the ability to grow. This growth is not only for our benefit but also allows us to share God's word with others in meaningful ways. Just like plants that bear fruit, there is a call for us to be vessels of God's love and truth. In Matthew 28:19-20, we are reminded that we are called to go and make disciples. So, the fruitfulness of our spiritual life can have a ripple effect on those around us.

Moreover, we should remember that hard soil can result from various life experiences—pain, disappointment, and even rejection. Sometimes we might meet someone who has trouble accepting God's love because of past hurts. Our mission is to become messengers of hope and grace, helping to till that soil so that the seeds may grow within them. We should strive to be those who facilitate spiritual nourishment for ourselves and for others. The more knowledge and understanding we gain, the better equipped we are to encourage and support fellow believers in their spiritual journeys.

Thus, in understanding and implementing the teachings within Luke 8:11, we are challenged to identify not only how we can cultivate the seeds in our own lives but also how we can assist others in fostering their spiritual growth. This journey is deeply communal, as we learn from one another and become stronger as a collective body of Christ.

Resource: [Scripaturesavvy.com](https://www.scripaturesavvy.com)



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Ted & Tonie Farris | New Mexico



PRAY

- Pray as the Farris' embark on a potential ministry change. Joshua and Makayla Clark are a young family who has been serving in Farmington, NM but they feel a call to serve the Navajos. Makayla is full-blooded Navajo. The Grace Navajo Baptist Church will be getting to know and potentially voting on the Clark family.

- Pray for this process of transitioning of leadership and for the mentoring phase that the Farris' will move into with this younger couple.

PRAISE

- Praise God for opening doors and reassuring all that God is in control.

KEY VERSE

Luke 8:11 (NKJV)

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.”

Read Luke 8:4-18 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Luke 8:1

Introduction

1. What can we learn from paragraph 2 on page 1 regarding our “spiritual journey”? Why is the Word of God compared to a “seed”?
2. The parable of Luke 8:1 is abundantly clear in its use of the word “seed” in reference to the Word? How often are YOU planting that seed within you?

Tuesday: Luke 8:4-8; Psalm 46:10a; II Timothy 4:2

Prioritize Time To Hear God’s Word

3. What picture is Luke 8:4-8 trying to paint for us? What do the different kinds of ground in the parable represent? Which one should we choose to be?
4. Paul is calling his listeners to “*Preach the word*” in II Timothy 4:2. What else does this verse tell us to do? How often are YOU doing these things?

Wednesday: Luke 8:9-10; Psalm 119:130; II Timothy 2:15

Seek To Understand The Meaning Of God’s Word

5. Who is Jesus referring to in Luke 8:10 as those that are; *“Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand”*?
6. What is the clear message given to us as followers in II Timothy 2:15? What must we do to make sure we are *“rightly dividing the word of truth”*?

Thursday: Luke 18:12-14; II Cor. 2:11; James 1:14; I John 2:15

Avoid Distractions From God’s Word

7. Whom are we warned of in Luke 8:12? Who seeks to take God’s Word “*out of our hearts*”? Who seeks to take advantage of us? (I Corinthians 2:11)
8. Luke 8:13 speaks of those that “*have no root*.” Who is Jesus referring to here? What will become of their faith when faced with temptation?
9. What imperative lessons are given to us in Luke 8:14 and I John 2:15? What will become of those who “*love the world*”?

Friday: Luke 8:15; Luke 8:31

Do What God’s Word Says

10. How does Jesus define those who “*fell on the good ground*” in Luke 8:15? “What” did they “*hear the word with*”? And what will they “*bear*”?
11. What statement does Jesus make to the “*Jews who believed Him*” in Luke 8:31? What must they “*abide in*” to be disciples of Christ?
12. How would YOU define the “ground” that God’s “seeds” (Word) have fallen on in YOUR life? What fruit is it “bearing” for you and others?