

Your Next Step with God's Word
"The Secret to Spiritual Growth"
Luke 8:4-15

1. If you want to grow, you need the **Word of God**.

- **Seed** = **Word of God**
- **Sower** = **Preacher/Teacher**
- **Soil** = **Our Hearts**
 - Hard soil, rocky soil, thorny soil, good soil
- **Harvest** = a **flourishing** life of blessing, spiritual fruit, and joy

2. If you want a good harvest, you must have good **soil**.

- Two kinds of soils: good **harvest** and **no** harvest.
- The condition of your heart determines the harvest in your life.
- The condition of your heart is revealed by how well you **hear**.

- You can hear, but not **HEAR**.

3. If you want good soil, you must **prepare** and cultivate it.

- Hard hearts are **resistant** hearts.
- Satan can only **steal** seeds from the resistant areas in our lives.

4. If you want to prepare your heart, it starts with **humility**.

- How to cultivate a **humble** heart.
 1. **Open** your heart and mind to God's Word
 2. **Ask** God to give you a humble heart

The seed of God's Word planted in a humble heart is the first step to a **great** harvest.

The secret to spiritual growth is learning how to **HEAR** God's Word.

Core CHRISTlike Characteristic: Connected to God through the Word & Prayer/Loving God