

Parable of the Seed

Thanksgiving

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2 Pet 1:3-4; Luke 13:18-21;
Luke 17:20-21; John 15:5

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We are often thankful for what we have, but driven by what we want: To be continuously hungry with brief moments of satisfaction.

³ Jesus has the power of God, by which he has given us everything we need to live and to serve God. We have these things because we know him. Jesus called us by his glory and goodness.
2 Peter 1:3

⁴ Through these he gave us the very great and precious promises. With these gifts you can share in God's nature, and the world will not ruin you with its evil desires. 2 Peter 1:4

He has given us all things. Evil desires of the world.

Greek word for power is dynamis – the root for dynamite and dynamic.

We need to approach the kingdom of God as a power.

¹⁸ Then Jesus said, “What is God's kingdom like? What can I compare it with? ¹⁹ It is like a mustard seed that a man plants in his garden. The seed grows and becomes a tree, and the wild birds build nests in its branches.” Luke 13:18–19

²⁰ Jesus said again, “What can I compare God's kingdom with? ²¹ It is like yeast that a woman took and hid in a large tub of flour until it made all the dough rise.” Luke 13:20-21

The seed has to be buried to come alive. Yeast replicates and spreads.

God's kingdom is like a seed and yeast. They are alive and they grow.

The power of God is going to make us alive and grow.

²⁰ Some of the Pharisees asked Jesus, “When will the kingdom of God come?” Jesus answered, “God's kingdom is coming, but not in a way that you will be able to see with your eyes. ²¹ People will not say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or, ‘There it is!’ because God's kingdom is within you.”
Luke 17:20-21

God is making His kingdom within you. God is meant to be the king of your life.
“May your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.”

We become more than we are without God. We become more than our appetites.

Higher order of thinking, acting, and feeling.

Your will; your choice. Higher level of self-mastery.

⁵ “I am the vine, and you are the branches. If any remain in me and I remain in them, they produce much fruit. But without me they can do nothing.” John 15:5