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DISTRACTIONS

In Luke chapter 8 Jesus talks about the parable of the sower that planted seed into four different kinds of soil. The seed is the word of God. Only one out of the four types of soil were good ground. It received the seed and brought forth fruit. The other three soils had things happen that caused the soil to be unfruitful. One of the soils was the thorny ground.

The thorny ground received the word, but when the cares of the world, riches, and pleasures of life got hold of the seed, it was choked, and the ground was unfruitful. Let's speak about the cares of the world. The word cares comes from the Greek word "*merimna*" which means distractions. It is so easy with the chaos of the world to be caught up in the "drama" that you have no time for the word of God to take root. Many are glued to television and the internet listening to the news, and it destroys faith. Yes, we need to know what to pray for, but when we are consumed with this "knowledge" we are not consumed with the word of God.

Distractions are so prevalent in most of our lives, that we must take time to shut out the "noise" and listen to the Holy Spirit. John 16:13 says, ***"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."*** If you want to know what is coming, then take time to listen to the Holy Spirit. He will tell you the truth.

When Covid hit four years ago there were very few words of warning that came forth from the "established" prophets. They said 2020 would be a good year, and a year of clear vision. Yet, if they had been listening to the Holy Spirit, He would have told them the TRUTH of what was coming. They were prophesying what they wanted to happen and not what happened. Often, we listen to prophets and are guided by what they have to say. They can become a distraction to our spending time with God for ourselves. It is not wrong to listen to a prophetic word, as I move in that gift and pray people hear what God says through me, but do not let it be your only source of information. Get your information firsthand, from God.

Are you easily distracted? How often when you sit down to read your bible does something happen to draw you away from it? How about when you pray? Do you shut off your phone and choose to have no interruptions? Distractions will always try to control you, but you do not have to let them do that. You have the choice to say no.

Much is coming this year that will bring fear. Many things will happen that will bring distractions to keep you from listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Make a choice right now to not let that happen. Choose to tune into God and tune out of listening to the chaos. Your life will be a lot happier when you do. Let the word of God bring forth fruit in your life because you have gotten rid of the distractions so your heart can receive the word. Then you will bring forth fruit!