HELEN SANDERS 6-6-2024 THE LIFE WITHIN A SEED

I like to grow things. I have grown avocado trees from the pit along with many other things. It always gives me great joy to see the seed come to life.

It is a very interesting thing about a seed. You cannot tell what is on the inside until it is planted. It changes from the inside out. The seed will burst its outer shell and then growth begins. In John 12:24 Jesus compares our lives to a seed. He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn [seed] of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

No fruit comes unless a seed dies. The process is always the same. In John 12:25 Jesus continues his illustration and said, "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal."

Eternal life comes when we die to the old nature and let the seed of God penetrate our spirit. It then brings forth life, and that life is eternal. The process for us is just like the corn [seed] of wheat. We are planted in Jesus and the process takes place from the inside out.

Like that seed of wheat, we do not see change immediately, but it will happen. We must remember it takes time to grow. A seed does not come to full maturity the moment it is planted. That is just the beginning. When we receive salvation, we are not mature. We must allow God's seed in us to grow. We water it through studying the word of God. Then we allow God to trim back any undesirable growth that does not bring fruit.

Be patient as God works on you, my friend. Maturity for a seed does not happen overnight and it will not happen with you either.