

MORE GOD!
Part 3: His Word and Our Heart

A HEALTHY PERSPECTIVE OF GOD'S WORD IS THAT IT IS WORTH OUR TIME AND EFFORT

- Israel fed manna by God (*Exodus 16:14-15,19-21 NKJ*)
 1. God gave this manna to them - free; they did not have to grow it or create it
 2. They did have to gather it themselves
 3. They had to gather it every day
 4. They had to be intentional about planning to gather because it melted
- Spiritually speaking we have a better deal
 1. God has given us His word - He makes it available to us
 2. He gives us ministry gifts to help but most feeding will be on our own
 3. Daily is still the best way to eat (*Proverbs 8:32-35 NKJ*)
 4. We have to be intentional (*Psalms 90:12 NKJ*)

HEART FACTORS THAT EFFECT GROWTH AND LIMIT MORE OF GOD IN OUR LIVES

- A heart to know (*Mark 4:9-11 NKJ*)
 1. Jesus was not simply referring to natural ears
 2. This principle in action when Jesus answered a group
 3. Spiritual growth is not automatic or an entitlement, we become the determining factor
- A receptive heart (*Mark 4:14-15 NKJ*)
 1. Wayside - Greek word indicates a road or street
 2. The word was not received into the ground
 3. What is not received is easily stolen
- A committed heart (*Mark 4:16-17 NKJ*)
 1. They began with receptivity (*Romans 15:13 NKJ*)
 2. They only stay with their belief for a season
 3. Trouble (*John 16:33 NKJ*)
 4. Persecution for the word's sake (*1 Peter 3:13-17 NKJ*)