

## Proverbs Week #125 (12:13-14)

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*"An evil man is ensnared by the transgression of his lips, but the righteous will escape from trouble. A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his words, and the deeds of a man's hands will return to him." (Proverbs 12:13-14 NAS95)*

Yeshua taught the parable of the sower to His disciples to help them learn about the importance of listening to God's word. Last week we learned that the root of the righteous endures. We need to learn the importance of wisdom in relation to how we hear and speak. From the book of Proverbs we learn about the results and benefits of being wise.

If we grow in wisdom it produces good fruit in our lives. What exactly does that mean? Paul teaches in Galatians 6 that we should not be deceived. In our lives we will grow what we plant. If you were to plant a garden with a row of corn, a row of peas, and a row of green beans what would you expect to see as the plants grew? At first you would see just a little bit of green poke through the ground. Then the plants would grow taller and wider and they would bud. Eventually, you would see ears of corn, pods with peas, and green beans. The 'fruit' of planting seeds is the produce that results. This is also true about the growth of wisdom in our lives. If we trust in God and faithfully plant His seeds in our life (the seeds are the truth we learn from the Bible-Yeshua often communicated these truths in parable) then we can expect to see results. In this week's verses the result of being wise is that we are saved from the ways of the wicked. The benefit of growing in wisdom is realized as we live our lives according to what is pleasing to God. God uses these means to bring about His ends.

### ***The Parable of the Sower Explained***

*"Hear then the parable of the sower. "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road. "The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away. "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."*

### ***The Parable of the Wheat and Tares***

*Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. "But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away. "But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also. "The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' "And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves \*said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?' "But he \*said, 'No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them. 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"*

### ***The Parable of the Mustard Seed***

*He presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; and this is smaller than all other seeds, but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."(Matthew 13:1-43 NAS95)*