

7 | YOUR FIELD, YOUR GARDEN



The words God speaks to us have creative power. Let's discover from God's Word how we can see an Ekklesia become fruitful. We'll do this through seven questions.

Who am I?

As you begin to sow in your Ekklesia, it is important that you know who you are and who gives you authority over your garden. Jesus shows how He does that: He tells us at the beginning of His ministry that He is the Son of God and that He performs what He sees the Father doing. *(Luke 9:1,2)*

'When Jesus selects men and women to travel with Him in His field of work, they are clearly told that they are called and they receive the authority to work there as well.'

What is my field, my garden?

What field has God given you for your Ekklesia? A field could be, for example, a particular environment, a particular area of knowledge, a professional group or skill, a group of people, a business or healthcare facility. *(Acts 16:9,10)*

Accept that God gives you responsibility for this garden. You are its spiritual owner. Jesus wants to bring heaven to earth through your presence in that area. Thus, the Ekklesia is no longer a building of stones; it is the people, the living building blocks that you may cherish, and in whom you may invest.

Who is the illegal resident?

Who is the illegal occupant now and why? There may be a curse on the area that needs to be broken. It may be that Satan, through past traumas, has tried to hold the destination, area or group of people captive. These must be brought to light.

As you get to work in your garden, find out if there is a spiritual blockage in the area. You have been given the authority to vicariously confess sins, break curses and break demonic bonds so that your field becomes free. The Holy Spirit gives you the strategy needed to break through in that area. God's words spoken in faith will bring all darkness to light and break every curse.

What steps do I need to take?

What steps has God shown you to take in the territory that legally belongs to you? When Jesus left the apostles, He gave them clear instructions: they were to first wait for the Holy Spirit, then begin their ministry from Jerusalem, then continue-go to Judea, Samaria and beyond. *(Acts 10:19,20)*

What is the season?

What season are you in: is it sowing time or do you need to plow or harvest? Every farmer knows when to sow - the soil, weather and time of year are important. Review your garden with God. Is it important to prayerfully plow the soil and prepare hearts? Have you received a revelation of what the person or persons need at this time? (*Acts 17:11,12*)

What is the condition of the ground?

The harvest is determined in part by what is in the ground. The soil represents the hearts of people. What is the condition of those hearts? I have encountered people who quickly came to faith, but just as quickly fell back into their old patterns. Then I examined the condition of their hearts and found that there were old hurts, "rocks" of anger, fear or rejection. (*Mark 4:14-20*)

What seed is suitable for the type of soil?

When Paul talks about the Kingdom, he uses "seed" that is understood by the hearer. His use of language matches the context of the audience.

What people understand or what captures their imagination helps them to embrace the message. In horticulture, you plant and sow each seed in its own way, whether by planting, scattering or cuttings. It is important to seek God's wisdom in this. (*Acts 17:22,23*)

EXERCISE:

1. Go through all seven questions for yourself and briefly describe what the Holy Spirit has made clear to you about them for your life.

- Who am I?
- What is my field, my garden?
- Who is the illegal occupant?
- What steps do I need to take?
- What is the season?
- What is the condition of the soil?
- What seed is suitable for the type of soil?

2. Share the seven points with people who have the same heart and vision. See what emerges and take action together.



LESSON LEARNED:

The time you take to prepare in faith is much more important than you think. If you see nothing and then do nothing, you will bear much less fruit.



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