



The Importance of Dreaming and Hearing at The Same Time

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Main Text: Matthew 13:18–23 (NKJV):

Big Question: How can you dream and die at the same time?

Series Review: Four Responses That Impact a Dream

1. The Wayside Response: This is about a lack of understanding

- 18 “Therefore hear the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

2. The Stony Places Response: This is about not having roots

- 20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has **no root** in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

3. The Thorny Places Response: This is about daily responsibilities and riches

- 22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who **hears the word**, and the **cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches** choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

4. The Good Ground Response: This is about understanding and being clear

- 23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

My Goal: I will explore how our daily responsibilities and our efforts to provide for ourselves and families can distract and deceive us.

Text Matthew 13:22

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I. Three Facts About Hearing the Truth

- 22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who **hears the word**, and the **cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches** choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

1. Hearing the truth is not enough if daily **responsibilities/riches** dominate your life
2. Hearing the truth is not enough if you are **deceived** by **misguided priorities** and values
3. Hearing the truth is not enough if you are **unfruitful** (Look around you and be honest)



II. Three Thoughts About How This Truth Applies to Me and my Dreams

1. I feel the **pressure** of my responsibilities and the challenges to balance the pursuit of riches
2. I am more **aware** than ever that I can be deceived and chase after misguided priorities
3. I **understand** that I need to be honest and ask myself am I really fruitful.

Closing:

III. Three Questions Staff Asked me About This Sermon?

1. How do you get beyond the disappointment you have seen in Christians lately?

- I look back at the times I disappointed myself
- I understand we all grow in public sometimes
- I know God is not finished with us yet

2. How do you balance the pursuit of riches?

- Accept the need to advance financially (Don't let riches control you)
- Work at this goal in pieces (Give yourself time, **but go after it**)

3. How do you know if you are deceived and misguided?

- Look at your **results**
- Look at **how you feel** about your life (Sometimes, feeling bad is a warning sign)
- Look at **your impact** on others (Are you hurting others?)

Next Time: Dreaming with Clarity

Big Question: What would it be like to be clear about the direction of your life?

Read Ahead: Matthew 13:23

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