

Dying to Ourselves

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his
workmanship, created in Christ Jesus
unto good works, which God hath before
ordained that we should walk in them.

In What Light Do We Look at our Children?

- **Psalms 127:3-5** Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is his* reward. As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth. Happy *is* the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

The Seed Must Die

- **John 12:23-26** And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will *my* Father honour.

References to the Seed in the Word

- In the natural Grass
- In the natural Fruit
- the seed of man (sperm)
- Seed of woman (children)
- Seed of man and woman (their offspring)
- Word of God
- Seed of your mouth (your words)
- Body of Christ, Church
- Your body

Two Principles of Seeds in the Natural

1. Seeds always produce after its kind.
2. The seed is always within itself

Genesis 1:29

- And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.
- We see both principles here.

Seeds Produce After its Kind

- **Matthew 16:24** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
- **Acts 26:29** And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

Seeds Produce After its Kind

- **Matthew 23:13-15** But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

Seed is Always within Itself

- The apple tree produces apples with seeds
- **Hebrews 7:9-10** And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.
- **1 Corinthians 15:22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

How Does a Seed Behave?

- If the principles of the seed are in place then the behavior must be also for success.
- **John 12:24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.
- If we want to produce Godly seed then **WE MUST DIE TO OURSELVES.**

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- **John 3:30** He must increase, but I *must* decrease.
- **Ephesians 4:22-24** That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

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- **Matthew 6:14-15** For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
- **Matthew 6:33** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Take up Your Cross

- **Matthew 16:24-25** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

① Deuteronomy 6

- ① This is the recipe for passing the Gospel to the next generation