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**SOWING THE  
SEED OF THE  
KINGDOM**

Matthew 13:3-9

# THE PATIENCE OF FARMING

- We are not farmers.
- Many of these metaphors have to do with the waiting (Jas. 5:7; 2 Tim. 2:6).
- There is consistent labor leading to the fruit (1 Cor. 3:6).
- It is not passive but active patience (Gal. 6:7-9).



# PLANTS AND PLANTERS

- We are all sheep but some are shepherds.
- This parable is told to people who need to tend their own garden (Mk. 4:9, 21-25).
- Not only do we need to check our soil, but we must examine our fruit (Gal. 5:22-23).



# WHERE IS YOUR ATTENTION

- At your funeral, what will people say you loved most?
- Our conversation will tell it (Matt. 12:34).
- We don't need tips on talking about things we love dearly.
- Tactical efforts will never be sustained without a transformed heart.
- The more you seek God, the more you will talk about what you are finding.

