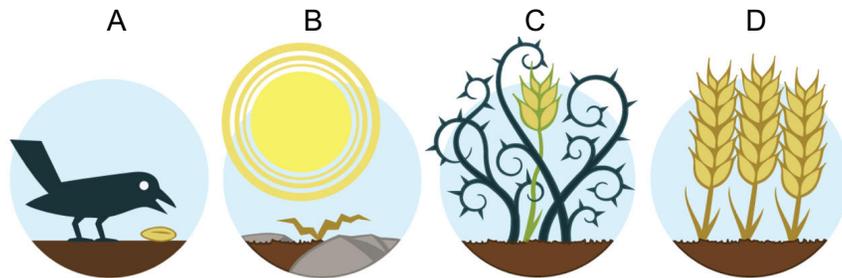


# Fruitful Living is Hard, but Worth The Effort

2 Peter 1:8-11

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“The seed is the word of God” Luke 8:11 (also Matt. 13; Mark 4)

- A. Seed on path does not even take root, snatched by the **devil**
- B. Seed on rocks, takes root, grows fast, withered by life’s trials
- C. Seed in thorns, takes root, grows tall, choked by worry and wealth
- D. Seed on good soil, takes root, grows tall, **perseveres** to a crop

- Which type of soil represents someone who understands and personally grasps the implications of Jesus’ teaching about the kingdom of God?

“For if you possess these qualities in **increasing** measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:8).

- Which type(s) of soil represents someone who fails to **see** and forgets that he/she was cleansed from her past sins?

“The person who lacks these things is blind and shortsighted and has forgotten the cleansing from his past sins” (2 Peter 1:9).

On “cleansing” from sin and believer’s **baptism** see (Psa. 51:2; Acts 22:16; 1 Cor. 6:11; Eph. 5:26; Titus 3:5)

Therefore . . .

My brothers and sisters, be all the more **eager** to make your **calling and election** sure

For by (if) **doing** these things

You will **not** fall **ever**

And you will **receive**

A rich **welcome**

Into the eternal kingdom

Of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (Col. 1`:13-14)

Peter’s conclusion to 1:3-9

**all** believers in Christ a hustling, energetic effort illus. “Who called you?” (see Acts 2:21 and 39)

practice obedience **cultivating** Christlike character (vss. 5-7)

emphatic (see Jude 24)

He doesn’t say “You will earn”

entrance guaranteed by grace; everything is fully supplied

“the secrets of the kingdom”

*On Your Own (better with friends).*

Are you a growing Christian? How do you know?



How would you use 2 Peter 1:3-11 to encourage someone who is struggling with doubts about their salvation and is not growing?

Choose one of the sayings below and explain it to a friend.

- Our works add nothing to the finished work of Christ on the cross.
- Good works are the result of our salvation, not the reason for it.
- Salvation is by faith; rewards by faithfulness.
- Christians work from victory, not for victory.