

The Word of God is compared to a seed (*Luke 8:11*). A seed always has life, and when it is planted in a person, that life begins to manifest within them according to the growth of that seed. As the seed continues to grow, the character of that person gradually begins to change.

It is important to understand that this transformation does not come from human effort. Rather, it is the seed planted within that brings change from one stage to another according to its growth.

Our Lord Jesus Christ illustrated this truth:

“This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”
(Mark 4:26–29, NIV)

This parable reflects how the Word of God grows within a person. It begins as a seed when someone allows the Word to enter their

heart. This happens through a genuine desire to learn the Word daily, to know God, and to study the Scriptures.

As the seed is given the right environment through meditation, obedience, and spiritual hunger it begins to grow slowly and often unnoticed. A person then starts to experience transformation in behavior and lifestyle. They begin to lose interest in worldly things they once loved.

This change does not come by self-effort. Instead, the person finds that desires for things such as smoking, alcohol, sexual immorality, and indecent living begin to fade away naturally. They may think they decided to stop, not realizing it is the Word (the seed) working within them.

THE STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. The Leaf Stage (Spiritual Understanding Begins)

As the Word continues to grow, it becomes like a leaf. At this stage, a person's understanding of God expands. Spiritual awareness increases, and they begin to understand Scriptures they previously could not comprehend.

This aligns with the work of the Holy Spirit:

“The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness... but the person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things.”

(1 Corinthians 2:14-15, NIV)

2. The Ear Stage (Spiritual Stability and Maturity)

The next stage is the ear (head of grain). Here, the believer matures and is no longer spiritually unstable.

“Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching... Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ.”

(Ephesians 4:14-15, NIV)

At this level:

- The Word of God has taken deep root
- The believer can discern truth from falsehood
- They are no longer easily deceived by false teachings

This reflects spiritual discernment given by the Holy Spirit
(*Hebrews 5:14, NIV*).

3. The Full Grain (Fruit-Bearing Stage)

At this stage, the seed becomes fully mature grain. The Word within now empowers the believer to bear fruit and minister to others.

“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”
(John 15:8, NIV)

Here:

- The believer begins to share the Word with others

- There is a natural desire to serve God
- Ministry flows from within, not from pressure or effort

Just like childbirth, this fruit-bearing cannot be forced it flows naturally when the time comes.

4. The Harvest

The final stage is the harvest, when God will reward each person according to their work.

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us...”
(2 Corinthians 5:10, NIV)

A PERSONAL REFLECTION

So, dear brother/sister:

- What kind of seed is planted in you?
- Is it the Word of God, or the seed of the evil one? (*Matthew 13:38, NIV*)

- If it is the Word of God, at what stage are you? Leaf? Ear? Full grain?

If you still struggle to overcome sin such as drunkenness, sexual immorality, smoking, gossip, or adultery it may indicate that the seed has not been properly nurtured.

The Word of God must be cultivated.

“No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in them...”

(1 John 3:9, NIV)

This does not mean believers never sin, but that they no longer live under the dominion of sin, because the life of God is at work within them (*Romans 6:14, NIV*).

FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

It is my prayer that we all come to understand the power of the Word of God. Rejecting the Word is separating ourselves from life

itself.

“Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

(Matthew 4:4, NIV)

Therefore, do not grow weary in studying the Word of God daily. Continue reading, meditating, and obeying it.

Even if you do not see immediate change, understand this: The Word is working within you in ways you do not yet see.

With time, you will look back and notice the transformation your today will be different from your yesterday.

May God bless you.

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