



Daily Reflections

July 28, 2017

Scripture

Matthew 13: 18-23

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Hear the parable of the sower.

The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the Kingdom without understanding it,

and the Evil One comes and steals away what was sown in his heart.

The seed sown on rocky ground

is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy.

But he has no root and lasts only for a time.

When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away.

The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.

But the seed sown on rich soil

is the one who hears the word and understands it,

who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Our Scripture Reflection

While seeds contain the material necessary to grow into plants (with the assistance of water, soil and sunlight), humans have the ability to grow the

Word of God through their faith, hope and love. It takes an act of the will, however, to make the choice to do so, something seeds do not possess.

Food for your Journey

Don't wait for the Last Judgment. It takes place every day.

--Albert Camus, *The Fall*, cited in *The Harper Religious & Inspirational Quotation Companion* (New York: Harper & Row, 1989).

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, May I always desire Your Word and find joy in living it each day. May others see in me an example of faithful discipleship. Amen.