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## **Each One! Bless One! You Make a Difference!**

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*Plant seeds of faith, selflessness, thanksgiving, expectation, and preparation.*

**“This led Him to say, What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and planted in his own garden; and it grew and became a tree, and the wild birds found shelter *and* roosted *and* nested in its branches.”**

**LUKE 13:18-19 (AMP)**

**M**ystery of the Mustard Seed - 3. In this parable, the man, the person is a worker, not slothful; he has a garden already and it is his own. The person planted and nurtured the seed until it became a tree. Nurturing is adding things to the seed, like water, fertilizer, love, and expectation. Nurturing is also taking things away from the seed; removing weeds, removing rocks, dead limbs and keeping pests from it. Once we receive the fruits of our labor, the tree, it becomes a place of refuge, a source of food, shelter, and a place where God's Creation rests and replenishes.

When we pray, we make our supplications known to God. Our prayers are like seeds planted in our garden of prayers. In our prayer garden, we have different prayers planted and not the same prayers planted over and over again, or not too many of the same prayers planted in the garden because this tends to give our garden, not the most beautiful effect visually.

Our prayers are prayers of faith. We hope and believe or try to believe that the Lord hears, received, or will answer our prayers in a timely fashion or at all. Our prayers are like seeds. We go to our prayer closet, our prayer space, our prayer position, or our prayer time and we plant our seeds of faith. The next time we go to our prayer garden, it is not prudent to dig up that prayer seed which was planted and re-plant it again; or, plant the same prayer of faith seed which is to produce the same fruit as the seed of faith prayer which was planted the day before.

Example: We may pray for a house. Everyday for a month we pray for a house. Let's say the LORD answers with three houses,. Now what are we going to do with three houses. 1) We will be sanctimonious and say they are and will be to God's glory. 2) Often self, ego comes into the picture as we tell people what the LORD has done and they tell us how blessed we are and suddenly someone is puffed up, and I won't say who. 3) Then reality sets in; there are taxes, the yards to be mowed, and the general care of the houses; then we move to a posture of "what are we going to do?"

A more prudent posture is to go to our garden, plant the seed of faith, plant the seed of selflessness, plant the seed of thanksgiving, plant the seed of praise, plant the seed of expectation, and plant the seed of preparation. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Work your seeds and work your garden.

## **PLANT THE SEEDS, WORK THE GARDEN**



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