

TITLE SLIDE:

Born To Win

Winning At The Finish Line

SLIDE 1:

Good Ground Hearts:

Mat 13:3-9 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop--a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. He who has ears, let him hear."

SLIDE 2:

Winning At The Finish Line:

Mat 13:18a, 23 Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: . . . But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

SLIDE 3:

Three Ministry Killers:

1. Seeds Along The Path – LACK UNDERSTANDING

Mat 13:19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and **DOES NOT UNDERSTAND IT**, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

2. Seeds On Rocky Places – PEOPLE’S OPINIONS

Mat 13:20-21 The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When **TROUBLE OR PERSECUTION** comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.

3. Seeds Among Thorns – CONCERN FOR THINGS

Mat 13:22 The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the **WORRIES OF THIS LIFE AND THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH** choke it, making it unfruitful.

SLIDE 4:

Winning Through Understanding:

"For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

SLIDE 5:

Winning Through Commitment:

I never make mistakes because I never do anything!

I just criticize you for the dumb things you do!

SLIDE 6:

Winning Through Priorities - Give To Get From God, So You Can Give Again:

Luke 6:38 Give, and it WILL be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, WILL be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured TO you."

SLIDE 7:

Winning At The Finish Line:

Phil 3:14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

SLIDE 8:

Once We Get The Weights Off:

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders AND the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

1. Seeds Along The Path:

LACK UNDERSTANDING – Revelation

2. Seeds On Rocky Places:

PEOPLE'S OPINIONS – Commitment

3. Seeds Among Thorns:

CONCERN FOR THINGS – Priorities

SLIDE 9:

A Hundred, Sixty Or Thirty Times What Was Sown?

Heb 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

SLIDE 10:

The Rules Of Racing:

Mark 10:31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.