



# Sowing On Our Journey

(Matthew 13:3-20)

## Introduction:

1. Gardening is a vital part of our journey.
2. Many people know of the great Johnny Appleseed that sowed as he travelled.
3. Do we sow as we travel?

## I. The Sower had a Purpose

- A. "Behold, a sower went out to sow" (Matthew 13:3).
- B. What is our purpose? (Luke 19:10)
- C. (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16)
  1. The words of these verses provide us with a sense of urgency, that is, immediate action.
  2. The reason for immediate action is found in Matthew 24:36.

## II. We Plant and Water

- A. (1 Corinthians 3:6)
- B. We need to do our part in the spreading of the gospel.
  1. We are simply "seed-throwers" and "water-boys."
- C. Let's fulfill our purpose! Why?
  1. All men will sin (Romans 3:23).
  2. Sin separates people from God (Isaiah 59:1-2).
  3. Christ came to save (John 3:16).
  4. God desires all men to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4).

## III. God Gives the Increase

- A. God will give the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6).
  1. We are fellow-workers with God!
- B. While each did his part as they were fitted by God, God in all His power provided the increase.
  1. Just as we plant and water in our physical gardens, God still ultimately provides the increase.
- C. Will God provide opportunities? *Certainly!*
  1. "There is something that never returns—a lost opportunity."
  2. Seize each opportunity (Proverbs 10:5).
- D. After we have sowed the seed, we must be like the farmer and be patient (James 5:7).

## Conclusion:

1. This parable of Matthew 13:3-20 teaches us to be patient of trust in the Word of God.
2. As we travel on our journey let us sow the seed of the word of God.
3. Can we be spiritual Johnny Appleseeds?