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The Hard Work of Fruitful Hearing

Luke 8:15

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Luke 8:15 *As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience. (ESV)*

1. Be _____ (v.15b)

2. Hold _____ (v.15a)

3. _____ (v.15c)

4. Prepare _____ (v.15d)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17**. How do you distinguish total perfection from a radical redirection? When you read this classic text what are some of the transformative changes in your life that come to mind?
2. Read **Ezekiel 36:26-27** and **1 Peter 2:11**. Why is it important to understand the difference between the core desires of your "new heart" and the lingering "passions of the flesh"? What is the risk of thinking both come from the same source within you?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Hebrews 3:6** and **3:14**. How would you respond to someone who says that these "holding fast" passages prove that we "earn" our salvation?
4. Read **Hebrews 10:23-25**. From your experience, how can you attest to the ways fellow Christians help you "hold fast the confession of your hope without wavering" (v.23)?
5. Read **Matthew 26:33-35** and **John 21:18-22**. Though Jesus explained that Peter's devotion would be imperfect, why is his stated resolve (along with Christ's confirmation in John 21) that Peter would be devoted to Christ for the duration an important perspective for Peter's daily life?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

July 6th

Job 33-34 & Ac.13:24-52

July 7th

Job 35-37 & Ac.14

July 8th

Job 38-39 & Ac.15:1-21

July 9th

Job 40-42 & Ac.15:22-41

July 10th

Ps.1-3 & Ac.16:1-15

July 11th

Ps.4-6 & Ac.16:16-40

July 12th

Ps.7-9 & Ac.17:1-15

July 13th

Ps.10-12 & Ac.17:16-34

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Msg. 13-10 – **Transformed: When God Gets a Hold of Your Life**

Msg. 12-12 – **New Life: Real Change from the Inside Out**

Msg. 13-03 – **Being Sure to Move from Creeds to Deeds**

Msg. 06-04 – **Working & Trusting to Prove the Reality of My Faith**

Msg. 07-04 – **Motivated by Earlier Days of Devotion**

Msg. 98-09 – **A Critical Reminder About Hupomené**

Msg. 02-18 – **How Grace Can Transform Your Outlook on the Future**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. **The Cost of Discipleship**. SCM Press Ltd., 1959.

Carty, Jay. **Counter Attack: Taking Back Ground Lost to Sin**. Third Edition. Yes Ministries, 1988.

Gromacki, Robert. **Salvation is Forever**. Moody Press, 1973.

Guinness, Os. **God in the Dark: The Assurance of Faith Beyond a Shadow of Doubt**. Crossway Books, 1996.

Lawson, Steven L. **Absolutely Sure: Settle the Question of Eternal Life**. Multnomah, 1999.

Lloyd-Jones, Martyn. **Assurance of Our Salvation: Studies in John 17**. Crossway Books, 2000.

MacArthur, John. **Faith Works: The Gospel According to the Apostles**. Zondervan, 1994.

Needham, David. **Alive for the First Time: A Fresh Look at the New Birth Miracle**. Multnomah Press, 1995.

Packer, J. I. **Knowing God**. InterVarsity Press, 1973.

Pettegrew, Larry D. **The New Covenant Ministry of the Holy Spirit**. Kregel, 2001.

Saucy, Robert L. "'Sinners' who are Forgiveness or 'Saints' who Sin?" **Bibliotheca Sacra** vol.152, no.608 (October 1995).

Tozer, A. W. **The Pursuit of God**. Reprint. Christian Publications, 1982.

Whitney, Donald. **How Can I Be Sure I'm a Christian? What the Bible Says About Assurance**. NavPress, 1994.

Wiersbe, Warren. **Living with the Giants: The Lives of Great Men of the Faith**. Baker Books, 1993.

Woodbridge, John D., ed. **More Than Conquerors: Portraits of Believers from All Walks of Life**. Moody, 1992.