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## MEETING NEWSLETTER

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### MY HEART MIGHT BE GOOD GROUND IF (cont)...

Welcome to WoW<sup>2</sup>, Women of Worship, Women of Witness. This newsletter captures topics discussed during our meeting on April 14th. The newsletter may not capture everything, and the topics may not be in the exact order discussed. The newsletter is intended to capture key points from our evening together, with like topics being grouped together for convenience. We hope you are blessed as you join us on our journey.

**CURRENT VISION: Thriving in the Wilderness. We will cultivate** a safe place to grow in a peaceful environment by preparing the soil of our heart to receive and respond to God's guidance, anchoring ourselves in the Holy Spirit. **We will operate** according to the established guidelines of our group, all of which will bring to light the changes we need to make in our lives, so we can gain the nourishment necessary to grow as individuals and as a group.

**Thriving**, while in the Wilderness, **will be the outcome of our growth.**

#### TOPICS DISCUSSED:

**Welcome:** We officially welcomed one of our sisters back home.

#### Lesson 5 – My Heart Might by Good Ground If (cont) ...

- **Luke 8:15.** This verse teaches us we “bear fruit with **patience**” (emphasis added). We noted, “patience” is a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22).<sup>1</sup>
- **Varying harvests.** Mark 4:20 and Matthew 13:23 both describe the good soil as being able to produce fruit in various amounts: thirty, sixty, or a hundredfold. We pondered what these varying amounts mean, which led us to the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), when Paul talks about how we each receive a reward based on our works (1 Corinthians 3:12-15), and we reap what we sow (Galatians 6:7). We summarized our ponderings with, if we sow a lot of seed, we get a bigger harvest!

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<sup>1</sup> The original Greek word *makrothumia* is translated using different words. For example, the New Living Translation (NLT), the English Standard Version (ESV), and the New American Standard Bible (NASB) among others use “patience.” The New International Version (NIV) uses “forbearance,” and the New King James Version (NKJV) uses “longsuffering.” The important thing to note is we recognized “patience” as a fruit of the Spirit.

- **Characteristics of the good soil.** Here are a few nuggets from our careful examination of my journal entry breaking down what good soil looks like (attached):
  - We found it interesting the original word translated as “noble” (NKJV) means “honest” and “valuable.” We noted honesty is also trustworthy, because something can be valuable, but not necessarily be useful or good!
  - We also looked at how, when our heart is good soil, the Word also effects our mind; if we accept and keep the Word in our mind, it impacts our heart.
  - We felt the summary of the good ground was helpful (see attached).
  - We enjoyed gaining an idea of what thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold might mean.
- **Knowing the standard.** We noted, if we know what the good soil looks like, we have a standard and a comparison point for the soil of our heart.
- **OVERALL TAKEAWAY:** The things that come out of us come from our heart; therefore, when our heart is good soil, the things that come from us will be of God and the Word!

**Homework Assignment(s):**

- If you’ve not already, finish Lesson 6.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be on April 21st.

**Closing:** We closed our meeting in prayer with a time of need-specific prayer for the challenges that were lifted up, for the group overall, and as the Holy Spirit led.

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**Attachment: My Journal Entry on the Characteristics of a Good Heart**

- Understands the Word (Matthew 13:23)

<to set or join together in the mind> Thayer's definition for understand<sup>2</sup>

- Accepts the Word (Mark 4:20)

<don't reject it> Thayer's

- Keeps the Word (Luke 8:15)

<keep in memory> Strong's

<keep firm possession of> Thayer's

***How is one able to do these things?***

The heart is

**noble** (honest)

<valuable or virtuous? Strong's

<effects the mind> Thayer's

**good** <usefu>

<a good constituion> Thayer's

<useful> Thayer's

This journal entry helped me to better see the characteristics of what good soil looks like! In summary, when I join God's Word with my mind, accept it and not reject it, and keep His Word in my memory, keeping firm possession of it, His Word affects my mind and helps my heart be honest, valuable, and useful before the Lord.

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<sup>2</sup> Text included in brackets indicates definitions retrieved from my iPhone's Strong's Concordance app that also contains Thayer's definitions.