The Parable of the Sower....applied specifically to Divine Healing

Introduction:

I call this Parable the "Granddaddy" of all the parables; the One Key that unlocks the Kingdom in my heart and life.

How do I come to this conclusion?

Jesus said to his disciples when they asked him the meaning of it:

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"Do you all miss the meaning (or point) of this parable?" He added; "how then will you understand the rest of my parables?"

He is telling them that understanding THIS ONE PARABLE thoroughly is the key to releasing the Kingdom in their lives. What is a mysterious parable/saying to some is the key for others.

What determines which it shall be in your life? Your understanding of this Foundational Parable about your relationship with the Word of God.

Right off in his explanation to the disciples, Jesus says:

"The sower sows the Word". During His ministry, Jesus was The Sower. He sent the disciples out as more sowers. The Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost, to loose more sowers. You are a believer today because someone was a sower.

The Kingdom enters your life through the sowing of the Word, and it continues to establish itself in your life through the sowing of the Word.

Jesus WAS THE WORD sowing THE WORD! His healings and other 'Power signs' were to confirm the Word he was sowing.

"He sent His Word and healed them"....Psalm 107:20.

The vision of this page: Divine Healing Questions and Answers is to help the individual believer receive healing through interacting with the Word of God to heal them. This parable which possibly you haven't thought of recently or have applied mainly to the subject of salvation, applies to any benefit that was PURCHASED FOR YOU through Jesus' Death, Burial and Resurrection (DBR). We are applying it to Divine Healing which is the subject of this FB page.
I have found some come to and quickly pass through this page. They don't read the posts, just look at the picture and decide if it is something they are interested in and then pass on. Some are just wanting a quick answer to their physical situation, and I certainly understand that. They are desperate. In pain. If you are going to die in a short time, and are able, you can throw yourself deep into the Word and receive your healing; if you are unable to do that then you should find someone who can come and pray the prayer of faith for you to be raised up. Then you need to get a foundation laid in your life for wellness through the Word of God.

I wrote a book a couple years ago: "Is A Life Of Wellness Possible and How Do You Achieve it?"

God desires to heal you and then He wants you to go on to a life of wellness.

This takes 'digging deep' in your heart and laying a solid foundation regarding Judicial Healing - healing purchased legally for you on the Cross, guaranteed to you by the Resurrection.

Thought must be given to such matters. Meditation on these great Redemptive facts. Putting on the 'mind of Christ'.

In the Parable of the Sower the Word of God was stolen in one fashion or another from three receivers and brought forth no fruit. Only the Word that was retained in the ground produced after Its Kind: salvation, preservation, peace, healing, joy, wisdom, etc. Healing seeds produce healing. Peace Scriptures bring forth peace, etc.

Ephesians 1:3 says that you 'HAVE BEEN BLESSED' with ALL spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Healing is a spiritual blessing for sickness is a spiritual force manifesting in the natural. The blessings are laid up in heaven, beyond the reach of Satan to steal your inheritance. So healing is a 'non-steal-able blessing God has given you on His side of the equation.

The Parable of the Sower tells your side.

This Parable is told in:
Mark 4:1-20
Matthew 13:1-23
Luke 8:4-8

Could you do a fresh reading of this in preparation for the upcoming four parts covering: seed cast on the 'wayside', the 'stony' ground, 'thorny' ground and 'good' ground.

As Brother Kenneth Hagin Sr. told us many times: "You can always learn two things from every experience: what to do and what not to do."

This Parable will teach you both so there is no part of it that you can't benefit from.

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear and take heed how you hear; to him who has shall be given more and he shall have abundance," (Mark 4:9, Matthew 13:12).
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Pt. 1: The Wayside

"Hearken (listen closely), Behold (Look!), there went out a sower to sow. And it came to pass as he sowed some fell by the wayside and the FOWLS OF THE AIR CAME AND DEVoured IT UP." Mark 4:3-4

".... some fell by the wayside; and it was TRODDEN DOWN, and the fowls of the air devoured it." Luke 8:5

"Behold, a sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side and the fowls came and devoured them up." Matthew 13:3-4

Jesus interpretation:

"The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the wayside, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, SATAN COMETH IMMEDIATELY AND TAKETH AWAY THE WORD that was sown in their HEARTS." Mark 4:14-15

"Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower: when anyone HEAREST the Word of the Kingdom, and UNDERSTANDS IT NOT, then comes the Wicked One, and catches away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received see by the wayside." Matthew 13:18-19
"Now the parable is this: the seed is the Word of God. Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil and taketh away the Word out of their hearts, LEST THEY SHOULD BELIEVE AND BE SAVED." Luke 8:11-12

Looking over these verses we see that:

What is being sown is the Word of God - in particular for us the message of healing.

Where it is being sown: into your inner being

When it is likely to be stolen: immediately

By whom: Satan/the Wicked One

Why: because you lacked understanding of it

Result: faith doesn't come and no resulting work of Salvation/healing.

Luke mentions something else: "it was trodden down". Trodden: walked upon, trampled upon, counted as nothing, disregarded. This could refer to Satan or the person hearing it.

Regarding healing, I want to focus your attention on the phrase: "understands it not".

The key to keeping Satan from stealing the Word concerning healing from you IS TO UNDERSTAND IT.

Let's pretend for a moment that you KNOW NOTHING about divine healing.

You hear your first message. You say: "I just don't understand how that can work. This healing thing is spiritual and my body is physical!"

Let's pretend for a moment that you have heard many teachings on healing. Your healing still hasn't manifested or hasn't manifested totally.

You say: "I have heard umpteen sermons, read dozens of books and still am not healed. I just don't understand why!"

So we have the person new to the subject and the person familiar with the subject both saying the same thing: "I don't understand!"

Satan loves that statement. It is his golden opportunity to steal any sermon you have heard and any book you have read in which this great truth was set before you.

WATCH OUT FOR THAT STATEMENT: "I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND!"

This inner attitude closes the door on faith and the resulting 'work of salvation'.
Salvation, Greek: Health (To Be In): denotes "to be healthy, sound, in good health", rendered "mayest be in health," in 3 John 1:2, (there are other definitions of salvation, I am using the one that speaks to physical health)

We see from this Greek word, that physical healing is included in God's work of salvation in your life.

You want to understand. You want active faith. You want healing, so:

you must develop understanding and eliminate Satan's opportunity to steal the Word.

I will share my tool here rather than try to give any more interpretation of the 'wayside' ground:

When I hear a Scripture taught, it may be healing or any other topic, my natural inclination is to say: "I don't see/understand how that can work in my life." But I don't follow that natural inclination, I follow my heart that has received that Word and wants to understand. I love God. I believe He loves me and wants to help me. I don't want to turn my back on what I have heard, on Him, just because I may not understand right off what I'm being told.

I put that truth in my little 'basket' that I carry inside me. I begin to pray over it and search out other Scriptures that open it to me. I don't give up if I don't understand. I know the problem isn't on God's end. I am 'missing' something somewhere. Ask and it shall be given. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it shall be opened. If any of you lack wisdom, ask. The Lord will give you understanding in all things. I say, "Wisdom is my sister and Understanding is my kinswoman", Proverbs 7:4. I always try to have a 'follow after' heart. Not that I have to have gotten understanding, apprehended it right away, but I follow after so that I may lay a hold of the understand of that which Christ Jesus has died to give me.

The 'Bereans' are mentioned in the book of Acts. When they heard Paul preach of the resurrection, they didn't immediately scoff and tread under foot his words. It says, 'they were more noble' and went away to look into the things he said.

I find a lot of people when they hear something immediately starting saying, "I don't understand that", of "I don't see how this connects to my situation". Or it may sound like, "I've tried that before", "I've heard that before". If it was the Truth then somewhere you haven't gotten connected to it just right yet. Watch out for those statements. That is a sign of 'treading underfoot the Word of God'. Let not that man think he shall receive anything of the Lord. God's blessing of healing isn't based on sympathy or emotion but on what is written in His Word and your knowledge of it. "Put Me in remembrance", saith the Lord. He wants to know that YOU KNOW. And He wants the Devil to know THAT YOU KNOW! HA!

If you have the spirit of the Bereans and don't throw the Word away just because you don't understand it; or don't know how all the puzzle pieces fit together to get your healing manifest, remember, you have the Holy Spirit given to you to lead and guide you into what you need to know to get what the Word says is yours into manifestation in your body. Also, you have need of patience. Have the patience to get understanding.
Pray the Ephesians 1 prayer for yourself: "Father, I pray that you would give me the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of you, that you would enlighten the eyes of my understanding so that I may see the exceeding greatness of your power toward me, the same power by which You raised Christ from the dead and set Him at Your right hand." Colossians 1: "Father I pray that I would be filled with the knowledge of Your Will in ALL wisdom and SPIRITUAL understanding, that I might walk worthy of you and please you in all things."

Don't turn away when you don't understand and give up. Hebrews 11:6 says that God is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. His plan isn't just to heal your body, but to renew your mind so you can have wellness.

Watch out for being one of those Jesus described as 'dull of healing' and 'hard of heart': "Oh, I've heard that a hundred times and it never worked for me!" That is the attitude of a goat. The parables show how the sheep are separated from the goats. If you have fallen into a 'goat' attitude because you haven't seen healing manifest as you want it to, repent, shake off the dust of a hardened attitude, and ask the Lord to help you renew yourself in this area. Start fresh. Come to the subject of healing like it is completely new to you. Pray over each truth, each verse. The Holy Spirit is your Helper. It is His job to take Jesus the Healer and make that Truth come alive in your life, just as He has with the truth of Jesus as Savior from sin.

What to do to not be the 'wayside' ground:

Press into this truth of divine healing, pray and seek the Lord's guidance in understanding how it works and specifically understanding of how it will work in manifesting for you. Study it in the Bible itself, not just from others sermons and books. Any verse they mention, look it up in your own Bible, highlight it, make it YOUR TRUTH. The Devil cannot steal what you are convinced of. If you hear something and don't understand it, just say: "I may not understand what that means or how it works, but I am going to find out!"

The Devil is afraid of Bereans.

Next: Part 2 - the Stony Ground

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Pt. 2 - Seed fallen on 'stony ground'

"Hearken, Behold, there went out a sower to sow: and it came to pass as he sowed some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had not depth of earth; but when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away." Mark 4:3,4a,5-6.

"And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold a sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed, some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: and when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away." Matthew 13:3,4a,5-6.

"And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed some fell by upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture." Luke 8:4, 5a,6.

Jesus' interpretation:

"They on the rock are they which, WHEN THEY HEAR, receive the Word WITH JOY; and these HAVE NO ROOT, which for A WHILE believe, and IN TIME OF TEMPTATION fall away." Luke 8:13

"But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that HEARETH THE WORD, and anon with JOY RECEIVETH IT; yet hath HE NOT ROOT IN HIMSELF, but dureth for awhile; for when TRIBULATION or PERSECUTION arises BECAUSE OF THE WORD, by and by he is offended." Matthew 13:20-21

"And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; and have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth FOR THE WORD'S SAKE, immediately THEY ARE OFFENDED." Mark 4:16-17

Looking over these verses we see that:

Even though this ground was mostly stony, it had a light covering of earth over it, enough that the seed could spring up.
There wasn't enough dirt for the roots to go down deep.

Also the seed lacked moisture (Luke).

The heat of the sun caused the seed to 'wither away' because it lacked a healthy root system.

Applied to your life:

God's Word concerning healing is cast upon the ground of your inner man.

You immediately receive the good news with joy.

You may even get prayed for and see an immediate manifestation of healing.

The Word you heard produced an immediate harvest.

You go home rejoicing and begin to share your testimony.

You begin to get mocked and scoffed at and 'get the warning': "You better be careful, I know so-and-so, they believed in that healing stuff and died."

You are new at all this. You haven't had time to get more teaching on the subject. The old symptoms reappear. You have no roots in this Truth of Healing, you just heard - believed - and received. You left that meeting not prepare for what would come after.

You joy leaks away, you're fearful of losing or offending your friends and family, you don't know what to do now that the symptoms have returned. You have no more 'water of the Word', no 'moisture' for the Seed to continue.

Your little 'joy plant' withers away.

At this point discouragement sets in, among other things, and the person may not even attempt to believe God for healing again.

Let's approach this a little different way now:

You are a fairly seasoned believer. You have heard about healing, been healed several times, and are now facing another situation in your body, perhaps life threatening.

Are you going to become 'stony ground'? Are the doctor's reports and the symptoms going to 'scorch' out the Word? Do you need to do some fresh rooting? Do you need to prepare your ground by opening it, freshly plowing it - deep furrows - to receive the Word afresh for this new condition?

Are you ready for the persecution that will come from the world, the flesh and the devil from taking your stand for the Word to grow healing for you?
Are you ready to keep meditating, speaking, watering, eating the Word when your body is in pain, your mind just wants to quit? (Affliction: pressure, distress, torment)

Do you realize you are going to be TEMPTED to move off of your decision/conviction to stand upon the Word heard?

Can you remember that this whole fight is OVER THE WORD: "the devil cometh immediately to steal the Word; tribulation or persecution arises because of the Word; persecution ariseth FOR THE WORD'S SAKE"?

A personal illustration: because I know and have experienced healing myself, when I develop a situation in my physical body, and I remember, "by His stripes I was healed. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead quickens my mortal body. The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus HAS SET ME FREE from the law of sin and death", I immediately rejoice with exceeding great joy.

But then the temptation comes when the symptoms don't go away or even start going away immediately upon quoting those verses. Am I going to wither? Am I going to say, "Oh well, that isn't such a big deal anyway and I don't want to put out the effort to get healed in that area, I can live with it"?

Or am I going to start a fresh run at this mountain?

Am I willing to do the work to make sure I have enough depth of earth and root down deep into it?

Can I keep the stones out: not yield to persecution or affliction?

Can I keep 'myself' out of this fight and remember it is all about a fight OVER THE WORD OF GOD, nothing personal?

Am I going to resist being offended at God because my healing may not get manifested immediately? (Babes do that, they haven't learned yet that they are not waiting on God to provide them with healing, that it was done at the Cross; and that God is just waiting for them to realize what has been provided and grow up enough to understand how to 'put it on'. Read 1 John 2:12-14. Little children primarily know their sins are forgiven; it is the young men in the faith who have the Word abiding in them; are strong because of it and have learned their position of victory over the wicked one. Did you know you can be a young man in one truth and a babe in another?)

I have to tread this path of not being 'stony ground'. "My Father works and I work", Jesus said. God has done His part for my healing, now I must work and do my part. Out with the stones! I will water and protect the Seed from being scorched and withering away.

I have seen this pay off every time.

Summing up, what are you going to do to not be 'stony ground':

Get your ground ready for the Seed, (deepen your earth).
Water the Seed with prayer and more Word added to it after it has been sown, (moisture).

Mount guard over the Seed so it doesn't wither when the pressure is on that persecution and affliction will bring.

Keep the joy that you had when you first applied the Seed to your situation. Joy is a sign of hope being alive. And hope is the vision of your health/healing. The Word will supply the faith and power to make the vision a reality/bring it into manifestation.

Are you beginning to see why I call this the "granddaddy" of all the parables?

It applies to any Redemptive benefit, any topic of the Kingdom, any action in your relationship with God.

Work through it over and over and watch it work for you.

Next: Part 3 - the Thorny Ground

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Pt. 3 - Seed fallen on 'thorny ground'

"Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: and it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit." Mark 4:3,4a,7.

".....and some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up and choked them." Matthew 13:7

".....and some fell among thorns; and the thorn sprang up with it, and choked it." Luke 8:7

Notice a few things here before going on to Jesus' interpretation:

Mark’s statement seems to indicate that the seed grew to the point of fruit-bearing and was AT THAT TIME choked out.

Luke says: "the thorns SPRANG UP WITH IT. Was the ground barren at the time the seed was sown and the thorn seeds were still in the ground waiting to germinate?

In all instances, the thorns out grew the good seed.
Jesus' interpretation:

"And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, GO FORTH AND ARE CHOKED with cares and riches and pleasures of this life AND BRING NO FRUIT TO PERFECTION." Luke 8:14

"And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, and the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it BECOMETH UNFRUITFUL." Mark 4:18-19

"He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the Word; and the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word and HE becometh unfruitful." Matthew 13:22

The 'thorns' that choke out the blessing of Divine Healing are clearly stated here:

- Cares of this life/world
- Deceitfulness of riches
- Lusts/pleasures of other things

In each gospel, Jesus used the word, "CHOKED" in his parable given to the multitudes and in His interpretation of it to the disciples.

Choke: strangle, stifle, suffocate, obstruct, block.

Do you notice that this is a process? It isn't like the birds that came immediately and ate up the seed on the 'way side' ground.

To strangle, stifle, suffocate is a process, it takes time to choke something to death. The Glorious Light that the Word of Healing has cast upon you is not 'turned off' immediately. With 'thorny ground', it is gradually turned down until it goes out.

Also, could this 'thorny ground' be comparable to a 'double-minded person'? One eye on the Word but one eye on the world?

Jesus said in another place, "If your eye be single, your whole body will be full of light." Matthew 6:21-23. It would be good to read these three verses and apply them directly to healing. I have used them many times to keep myself on the straight and narrow path of the Word while I was receiving healing. I find it interesting that these verses refer to the 'whole body'. Light? What light? The light of healing. But what does it take for the whole body to be illuminated with that light? Staying single-eyed/minded.

Do you see the soul is involved here? Think of the phrase: "The mind's eye." Your spirit has eyes to see Truth, but your mind has an eye also. It imagines, meditates, talks to itself. If your spirit sees the Word 'by His stripes I was healed', and the eye of your mind sees the Drs. reports and the symptoms more than the Word, you will wind up with 'double-vision' and be 'double-minded'. The double-minded receives not anything from the Lord, James 1:5-8.
Jesus described what your mind's eye gets full of: cares of this life; deceitfulness of riches; lust of other things.

What would these be in regard to healing:

- **cares of this life**: symptoms, appointments, medicines, phone calls.
- **deceitfulness of riches**: worry about the financial burden of sickness
- **lust of other things**: looking more to natural remedies than the supernatural Remedy for healing.

If you are in a situation of sickness where you have to attend to these things, do them routinely without attaching your inner person to them. You are 'with them but not of them'. Don't give all your energy, physically - mentally - emotionally to attending on the natural for healing.

Another thing I have seen happen is that people can't stop caring for other people (inwardly, even if they are unable to do it outwardly) to care for themselves. The 'cares of other people's lives' choke out their attendance to their own healing. "Oh, but I have to do this for so and so!" or "Oh, I am so concerned about this and that situation my loved ones are caught up in!" What good can you do them if you stay sick or die? If you truly love them than love them enough to get yourself well so you can help them. Even in the business world, a sick employee is of no benefit.

Be careful also, to attend to the Seed until it has born its fruit of healing for your body. As the one writer said that 'the seed yielded no fruit'. Another, it 'became unfruitful'. "Brought no fruit to perfection." This Redemptive Reality of healing must be LIVED IN to yield perfect fruit. Confessing 10 healing scriptures in the morning and then filling the rest of your free time during the day with 'this world' will NOT yield perfect fruit. Notice that the seed did begin to grow but then before it could yield fruit (healing) it was choked. And the devil will make sure that you get tempted to not keep your 'whole eye full of light' so that it does get choked out. This is ALL ABOUT THE WORD as a Living Entity (Person) in your life and your relationship with it.

In closing on the 'thorny ground', notice that Matthew records, "and HE becomes unfruitful". Is the 'he' the Word or the man/person upon whose heart the Word has been sown?

We will see in the 'good ground' the responsibility of the ground/he to keep and watch over the Seed until the fruit bears.

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Pt. 4: The 'good' ground

Jesus' words to the multitudes:

"Hearken: Behold there went out a sower to sow: and it came to pass as he sowed, some fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred. And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." Mark 4:8-9

"Behold, a sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed some fell on good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirty-fold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." Matthew 13:9

"A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed some fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." Luke 8:8

Jesus' interprets for his disciples:

"But that on the good ground are they, which in an HONEST and GOOD heart, having heard the word, KEEP IT, and bring forth fruit WITH PATIENCE." Luke 8:15

"And these are they which are sown on good ground, such as HEAR THE WORD, and RECEIVE IT, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred." Mark 4:20

"But he that received seed into the good ground is HE that HEARETH THE WORD and UNDERSTANDETH IT; which also beareth fruit and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." Matthew 13:23.

Here are some other versions on this 'good ground':

**New International Version**
But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

**New Living Translation**
The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"
GOD'S WORD® Translation
But the seed planted on good ground [is the person who] hears and understands the word. This type produces crops. They produce one hundred, sixty, or thirty times as much as was planted."

Weymouth New Testament
But he who has received the seed on good ground is he who hears and understands. Such hearers give a return, and yield one a hundred for one, another sixty, another thirty."

Characteristics of 'good ground':

- A honest and good heart
- Hears the Word, receives it, understands it and keeps it in the ground
- Brings forth fruit with patience
- Gives a return/a yield from the seed planted - thirty, sixty, one hundred fold.

"A honest and good heart", (Luke 8:15). I don't want to scare anyone here, I want to help you. Hebrews 4:12 says that God's Word is a discerner of the 'thoughts and intents of the heart'. Make sure you don't have some kind of, 'well, I'll try this and see if it works' attitude floating around somewhere inside you (in your soul). God sees that. Those who come to God must believe that He is and that He is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him, (Hebrews 11:6). Healing comes to those with a Hebrews 11:6 confidence toward God. If you are dealing with an attitude like this, study until you get it settled in yourself that healing does work and faith receives it. Run that attitude off and don't let it come back.

"Hears the Word....receives, understands and keeps it in the ground", (Luke 8:15, Mark 4:20, Matthew 13:23).

Receives: Dr. John G. Lake's sister, dying of 5 breast cancers, heard John Alexander Dowie preach Jesus the Healer, but she couldn't believe that God would heal her in her sinfulness. The Word of Healing must be 'received' by you FOR YOU in order to be healed. Dr. Lake kept bringing her and after hearing a few more sermons on the goodness, forgiveness, and compassion of God, she said: "He will heal even me!" When Dowie laid hands on her, the power of God went into her and started killing the cancers. They fell out of the breast one by one and the breast totally reformed.

Understands: Do you notice in the story of Lake's sister, after she kept 'hearing', she began to understand, and when she understood than she opened to receive. Don't let your mind be in control and shut down your receiving. The mind DOESN'T understand the supernatural power of God when it first hears. BUT IT CAN, if you will make it a student, a meditator, an asker......."Father, show me Your ways. Help me to understand how Your dimension works here in the natural realm." Understanding is as important as receiving if you are going to do what comes next.

Keeps the seed in the ground: The truth about Divine Healing which has come to you through Scripture, sermons, etc., must be planted deep enough for Satan not to steal it; persecution and affliction not to scorch it; cares of life, deceitfulness of riches, and the lust of other things not to choke it out. Are you
willing to do what is necessary to do that? Let the Holy Spirit show you what YOU need to do to keep the 'seed for healing' in the ground of your heart.

Brings forth fruit with patience: this can be the tough part. Basically though, it is just having a "I'm not giving up, I'm working this thing until I see manifested what God's Word says is mine. I will seek God for wisdom in working out His Healing Power in my body..... 'His way' of bringing it into manifestation for me. I will make this my 'work' just as much as my natural work, for it pays BIG. At any point I am stuck or stumped, I will ask the Holy Spirit for help in what to do next. He was sent to lead and guide me in how to get the Work of Redemption applied to my life, spirit-soul-body."

Gives a return/a yield from the seed planted - thirty, sixty, one hundred fold: you certainly don't want to be healed just 30% or 60%, you want to be healed 100%. Another story from Dr. Lake. A missionary couple were told by the Lord to take a certain ferry. On the ferry was a lady who suffered terribly from several conditions. They prayed for her to be pain free. God answered and she was, but her condition was not healed, just the pain gone. Later she heard of Dr. Lake's healing rooms. On going there she told them what had happened to her and that she thought the Lord didn't want to heal her of the condition, just stop the pain. The man ministering to her told her: "Well, the missionaries haven't grown up in God yet." He laid hands on her and within a few weeks the lump on her knee was completely gone and her leg had grown out several inches to be normal. Jesus doesn't do 30 or 60 per cent healings! So don't settle for that.

I want to include this next portion of Jesus' sermon. It is the 'catalyst' that makes everything work the way I see Him saying it.

"He who has an ear, let him hear". This statement was made in all three gospels. I'm sure you know this isn't talking about your physical ear, but the REAL HEARING. The hearing with the heart, the spirit.

"For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he does have. Therefore speak I to them in parables (the multitudes): because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand" Matthew 13:12&13.

"And be sure to put into practice what you hear. The more you do this, the more you will understand what I tell you. To him who has shall be given; from him who has not shall be taken away even what he has." Mark 4:24&25

In Luke 8, this saying comes right after the parable of the sower: 16 “No one lights a lamp and hides it under a bowl or puts it under a bed. Instead, everyone who lights a lamp puts it on a lamp stand so that those who come in will see the light. 17 There is nothing hidden that will not be revealed. There is nothing kept secret that will not come to light."
18 “So pay attention to how you listen! Those who understand these mysteries will be given more knowledge. However, some people don’t understand these mysteries. Even what they think they understand will be taken away from them.” (God’s Word Version)

When the seed is in the good ground, it can't be hidden for long. The 'light' of it will begin to show in thoughts, words, deeds. It is impossible for it to be kept secret. Notice the importance Jesus places on 'how you listen'. Notice the reward for being an attentive listener: being given more knowledge of the mystery of God and of Christ. Watch your life and see if you have been listening, understanding and keeping. Do you see fruit beginning to show in your attitude, your words, etc? Going through this patient process will produce the full yield.

"God is not a man that he should lie, nor a son of man that he should change his mind. He has spoken and he will do it," Numbers 23:19.

(This completes our little study on applying the Parable of the Sower to receiving Healing. Now I must study my way through it and 'dig deeper' into the truth Jesus is sharing. Just because I write this doesn't mean I hear, understand, and have the seed of truth in it deep in the ground of my heart. I have to have ears to hear myself! The idea of applying this parable to divine healing was totally new to me.)