THE PARABLE OF THE GROWING SEED
Mark 4:26-29

I. STEADFAST WORK OF THE SOWER [v26-27]

A. FAITHFULLY SOW THE SEEDS INTO THE FIELD
[Matt 13:3]

B. TRUST THE LORD FOR HIS WORK
[1 Cor 3:6-7; Matt 28:19-20; Mk 16:15; Mk 16:15; Acts 1:8; Rm 10:13-18; 1 Tim 1:12-15; Jn 9:25; Jn 4:28-30]

II. SECRET (DIVINE) WORK OF GOD WITH THE SEEDS (WORD) [v27-28a]

A. GOD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MIRACLE OF GROWTH [Jn 6:44; 16:7-11; 4:7-26; Acts 7:54-60; 9:1-6; Matt 19:16-22; Jn.3:8]

B. TRUST GOD FOR THE UNSEEN PROCESS OF GROWTH
[1 Cor 3:6-9; Isa 55:11]

III. FRUITFUL RESULT IN GOD'S TIMING [v28b-29]

A. THE FARMER'S ROLE: TO SOW AND WAIT WITH PATIENCE
[2 Cor 9:6; Jas 5:7; Rom 8:25]

B. THE FARMER'S JOY: TO SEE THE FRUIT OF GOD'S WORK
[Jn 4:35,36]
1. The Blade - The new life is tender
2. The Ear - The promise of future fruit is plainly seen
3. The Full Ear - The potential for multiplication and growth
[Jn 4:29; Acts 9:19-22]

C. THE LORD'S ASSURANCE: To those who faithfully sow the GOSPEL SEED/WORD OF GOD [Gal 6:9-10; Psalm 126:5,6]