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***"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God..." (1 Peter 4:11).***

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## THE SEED PRINCIPLE Jesse Flowers

What is the seed principle? It simply means that seed will always produce after its own kind. An apple seed will always produce an apple. A watermelon seed will always produce a watermelon, etc. From the very beginning, God created it to be this way.

*"Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth'; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good" (Gen. 1:11-12).*

The same seed principle also applies in the religious realm. In explaining the parable of the sower, Jesus said in Luke 8:11, "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God." The word of God is compared to seed sown in the hearts of men. Some will receive it with a good and honest heart, many others will not (vv. 12-15).

The apostle Peter wrote:

*"Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever" (1 Pet. 1:22-23).*

Peter said that sinners are "born again" of incorruptible SEED, the word of God. When

message, they will become a Mormon convert. If I teach someone the Roman Catholic Catechism and they accept its teachings, they will become a Roman Catholic. The Methodist Discipline will produce a Methodist. The Baptist Manual will produce a Baptist. Etc.

However, if we will simply teach someone the pure, unadulterated word of God, it will produce a New Testament

Christian every time (Gal. 1:6-9; 1 Cor. 4:6; Rev. 22:18-19). Nothing more, nothing less. Why? Because of the seed principle. Seed only yields fruit according to its kind.

What "seed" was planted into your heart? Make sure it was the word of God and not the word of men. As James penned: "*receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls*" (1:21).

## WHEN WE ARE ILL John Edwards

There are times in life when we are ill. We need to learn to see the good in every situation in which we find ourselves. Illness and suffering

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men obey the gospel of Christ they receive salvation (Rom. 1:16; Mk. 16:15-16). In the first century, whenever the gospel (seed) was preached and obeyed, it produced a Christian (Acts 11:26). In the 21st century, whenever the gospel (seed) is preached and obeyed, it will produce a Christian.

Here's the point. If I teach someone from the Book of Mormon and they accept that

provide us with a number of good lessons.

**ILLNESS CAN TEACH US ABOUT GOD.** Through suffering Job came to know God as he had not known Him before. Job said, “*I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now my eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes*” (Job 42:5-6). We can come to know and depend upon God when we are ill.

**ILLNESS CAN TEACH US HUMILITY.** Sometimes we get to thinking too highly of ourselves. Illness can bring us back down. Paul was given a thorn in the flesh lest he “*should be exalted above measure*” (2 Cor. 12:7). Peter wrote, “*Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time*” (1 Pet. 5:6).

**ILLNESS CAN TEACH US PATIENCE.** Many have been taught patience through sickness. James stated, “*My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience*” (Jas. 1:2-3). Paul declared, “*...we glory in tribulations*

*also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience*” (Rom. 5:3).

**ILLNESS CAN TEACH US SYMPATHY.** Many times we do not know what others have gone through until we suffer ourselves. Illness and suffering may help us develop a deeper feeling of compassion for others. Paul revealed, “*Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God*” (2 Cor. 1:4).

**ILLNESS CAN TEACH US THE POWER OF PRAYER.** There is power in prayer! James said, “*Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him...And the prayer of faith shall save the sick...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much*” (Jas. 5:14-16). This stresses the power of prayer and its answer from God through natural means.

**ILLNESS CAN TEACH US THE NEED FOR OBEDIENCE.** Sometimes it takes a few days in bed to slow us down so we can see the need for obeying the

gospel. Hebrews 5:8 says, “*Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered*” (Heb. 5:8). We can learn the need for obedience when we are ill. We plead with you to obey the gospel of Christ now while you have time and opportunity.

If this time finds you ill, we pray that the days of your illness will be few and that you will be able to learn some things that will make you better spiritually.

## LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

“*Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*”

~MATTHEW 5:14-16~

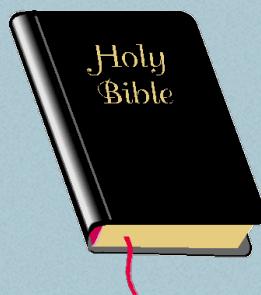
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