

Living in the Joy of His Strength

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Memory Verse- "As long as (_____) sought guidance from the Lord, God gave (her) success." - 2 Chronicles 26:5b

Study Text: Mark 4:3-20 NIV, Luke 8:15

What is the overall condition of your heart's soil?

1) _____ Soil – A lot of _____ – _____ for God

2) _____ Soil – A lot of _____ – _____ space for God

3) _____ Soil – A lot of _____ – Only a _____ of space for God

4) _____ Soil – A lot of _____ – _____ space for God

Family, Marriage, Work, Home, Ministry
Body, Mind, Emotions, Spirit

> Stage 1 – _____ – submission and surrender. (This stage is HARD.)

> Stage 2 – A little progress – learning _____. (In this stage we tire easily.)

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> Stage 3 – Feeling _____ but overworking – too many _____ and too little _____. (This stage is more about WHAT you do rather than WHO you are.)

Which one gets short? Serving others or sitting quietly with God?

5) God's work in me is never _____ about me.

6) My _____ cannot surpass my _____. God's goal is to free me to be an _____ for Him to continuously flow through.

> Stages 1 & 2 – You are focused on doing _____ God commands.

> Stage 3 – You are focused on working _____ God by serving others.

> Stage 4 – You are focused on being _____ God. Then, God's work _____ you moves _____ you to the outer world.

7) As I mature, I will discover that I am no longer giving my life to others. I will be focused on _____ and THEN He _____ with others.

Answers: 1) hard, excuses, no space 2) shallow rocky, debris, very little 3) thorny weedy, distractions, small amount 4) good healthy, God's life, infinite >obedience >> perseverance >>>productive, things, space to rest 5) ONLY 6) outflow, inflow, unrestricted vessel > WHAT >> FOR >>>WITH, IN, THROUGH 7) giving my life TO God, shares me