

## The Year of Sowing

### Prayer Guide

#### Week 2

#### The Year of Sowing – Characteristics of Good Seed - Pure

*Here is another story Jesus told: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field.*

#### Matthew 13:24 (NLT)



**Prayer Focus:** Jesus tells the parable of the farmer who sowed “good seed.” But what are the characteristics of “good seed?” These weeks we will look at what that means for us as we think about a year of sowing. “Good seed” is first of all seed that is pure, or in other words, it is genetically true, or pure of any outside characteristics. If you want the best harvest of apples, you want apple seeds that are genetically pure as apple and not mixed with other genetics. When we sow Biblical seeds, honor, family, the gifts, finances, serving... our seeds need to be pure and free from other motivations, or other agendas. If we are to reap a pure harvest we must sow pure seeds. This speaks to our heart motivations, and our understanding of the Truth. Our seeds must not be mixed with personal desires for attention or power, and our seeds must be true to the truths of the Word of God, not mixed with influences of man’s thinking or current cultural ideas. It is important for us to understand this truth from the beginning so our sowing and our harvest will be pure for the glory of God’s Name, and His Kingdom.

- Day 1:** Begin today to ask God to examine and purify your motivations for sowing. Be open to the voice of His Spirit and the Word of God.
- Day 2:** Before God, dedicate yourself to only sowing seed that is pure and undefiled by your own motives or those of culture.
- Day 3:** Repent of the ways you may have sown seeds that were mixed with your own motivations.
- Day 4:** Pray that God will show you how to sow seeds that are pure according to God’s Word.
- Day 5:** Ask God to work in the hearts of your family that as a family you might desire to sow pure seeds.
- Day 6:** Pray that God will stir other churches in your city to desire to sow seeds that are pure and not defiled by man’s motives.
- Day 7:** Pray for your missionaries that their seed will be pure according to the Word of God.