

The cutting edge of life has many stories to tell.

A spade is a sturdy pointed hand shovel that can be pushed into the earth with the foot.

During the Depression of the 1930's my father had no seed to plant, only a spade to turn the ground. He was saved by Acts 2:38 in 1925 and had become a praying man. Our home, in Bridgeport, Ohio, was on a hillside sloping up away from our house in the back. Not too far up that hill sat an apple tree, and then our lot went further up the hill giving us room for a garden.

The story I am telling you happened in the spring of 1936.

Dad picked up the spade and walked up the hill to the garden area. He spaded the ground. He turned over the soil, breaking it up, preparing it for planting. He had no job. He had no money to buy neither seed nor plants. He had only a spade and faith to believe God. So he spaded the ground that took more than one day.

When the ground was ready to be planted Dad went down to the shade of the Apple tree and laid down his spade. At that time he did not sit down but knelt down and prayed for seed and plants to put in his newly spaded soil. His testimony was this ~ I prayed until I prayed through. That meant he prayed until the joy of the Lord filled his tired body. It also meant that seed and plants were on their way he just didn't know from where.

The next day a brother from the church came by to greet my Dad. His name was Harry Reynolds. The custom of their day was to buy seed and plants as cheap as you could. There were places in the South that sold seed and plants. The more you bought the cheaper they were. If two men ordered together they each got the cheaper rate.

Bro. Reynolds told Dad why he had come to visit. He said: I am going to order some seed and plants from Georgia and came by to see if you wanted to order some with me.

Dad did not answer his question. Dad said: Bro Reynolds let's have a word of prayer. It was easy to pray during the Depression. They prayed through their flesh until they touched God. This meant they prayed through to speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

After their prayer session Bro Harry Reynolds knew his purpose for being there. He started the new conversation by saying: Bro. Friend, You make out the list of what you need to plant this year. I am going to pay for it all. Then Dad told him the story.

That Depression was 70 years ago. But you can have a depression in the Spiritual World and that is worse. Learn to spade the spiritual ground. Dad used a natural spade to turn the earthly ground. His Spiritual Spade was prayer. He turned the spiritual ground until he prayed through.

There is someone reading this letter that needs to realize the spiritual spade is prayer. It will turn the ground of your heart up to where God can see it. Let God look at your ground. God understands the ground and will plant in it the things that grow best in your soil.

Learn how to pray until you pray through and touch God. You will know it when you touch God. He will inspire you with an assurance that everything is going to be all right. When that happens just get up and go on down to the house. Help is on its way.