

Prov 27:19 As in water face answereth to face, **so the heart of man to man.**

I can influence others but I can only control myself. I can change what I see in this 82 yr. old man. I determine to become a better person through the fruit of the Spirit. Vain glory is not my goal. All the basics of life are seen in pictures of the mind. I will take time to stop and LOOK.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,  
23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have **crucified the flesh** with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not be desirous of **vain glory**, provoking one another, envying one another.

Ecl 5:9 Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: **the king himself is served by the field.**

The man with the seed eats the best of the land. He will sow the best seed in his own heart. This is not selfish. He will share the fruit of the spirit. Putting all things aside, basically it's the seed that makes the difference. The Genetics are in the seed. Genetics tell it all. Ever hear of wild oats? Have you sown any?

I have found the treasure hid in the field. I sold all that I had and bought the field. It is from this field (The Bible) I will eat the good of the land. I was born in 1930. Then the Depression Hit. When I was a kid we didn't eat out. Our food came from the garden and the chicken coop. The first tomatoes and lettuce came from the garden in the spring and they were the best. Men worked hard to be the first to have ripe tomatoes and corn on the cob. Now we get our food from the supermarket. Roadside stands are better for produce. In man's quest for more time to do other things he lets the farmer grow his food and buys it from the store cheaper than he can grow it himself. I like that because I don't have to hoe the corn. The rows are too long.

In making this comparison between "then and now" and shifting to spiritual things I run into a brick wall I can't get through. It is this. There is no way I can hire another man to grow my spiritual food. The comparison stops here. I don't have to hoe the corn now but I must still work the **ground of my heart** and use the seed of God's word. The Bible calls it the work of faith. Jesus said, "This is the work of God, that you believe."

2 Thess 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

There is no way I can have another man grow my spiritual food. It must grow in my heart. And God said if a man would not work let him not eat. This is more true in the spiritual. If a man doesn't work spiritually he CAN NOT eat. There is no spiritual supermarket. You cannot live on another MAN'S spiritual blessings. You must grow your own. YOU must plant the seed in YOUR heart. That has been hard work since the beginning because you must plough the ground. The hardest work in life is to work on yourself. Get interested and it will be easier.

1 Thess 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;