

Preparing Our Minds

There are lots of things that a farmer or gardener does to prepare the soil for planting. Make a list of all things you can think of, such as digging up the soil, adding fertilizer, watering, building a fence around the plot to protect the plants as they grow, pulling weeds, removing stones, *etc.*

Now think about comparable ways you could prepare your mind to receive truths from the Lord's Word. For example, building a fence might be like protecting our mind so that the truths can be safe to grow—keeping ugly thoughts and pictures out of our minds. When we cooperate with the Lord to have our minds be good ground, then He can sow His seeds of truth, and they will grow.

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Food for Thought:

When we prepare soil for planting, we usually have an idea of how we are going to use the plants that grow. Perhaps we want to bring flowers into our homes or eat home-grown vegetables. One of the best ways we can prepare our minds for truths is to want to put these truths to use in our lives!