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THE SEED SOWN AMONG THORNS AND THE SEED SOWN ON GOOD GROUND
Mark 4:18-20

For the child of God as well as the person living in the world, the last year with the Persian Gulf War having occurred and the dissolution of the Soviet Union among many other world events, has not occasioned anyone a sense of abiding peace. It would seem that we are caught up in the "cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the lust of other things entering in," all of which choke out the Word making the Word to be unfruitful in our lives. Under such circumstances the things of the world choke out the productivity of the child of God primarily because he has allowed a multitude of various thorns to grow up in the midst of his garden. By contrast, good ground is earth which is cultivated, fertilized, and adequately prepared. For the Christian this means reading and contemplating the Word of God, spending time in worship, and in intercession, and finding time to spend simply adoring and loving, as well as receiving love, from God the Father and Jesus His Precious Son.

Every day in the newspapers and on the television we hear of prominent Americans being involved in all kinds of sinful and evil pursuits. This once Christ-centered nation would seem to be seeking after the pleasures and the lusts of the world rather than being involved in the proclamation of the unsearchable riches of Christ and serving God in Church, in the areas of need within our country, and on the mission fields. Even here at Christian Medical Foundation we find ourselves in the midst of all kinds of challenges and opportunities virtually everyday. Our telephone lines are busy with people suddenly being confronted with severe medical, surgical, and psychiatric problems, as well as family problems. There is never a day that goes by where we are not called upon to give Godly counsel to people across the United States and Canada calling in for Holy Spirit anointed help and advice concerning their serious problems. This is the great function of Christian Medical Foundation and one wonders where God's people would go if it were not for this rather small and seemingly insignificant organization. People are seeking Christian physicians, Christian surgeons, and Christian psychiatric help. It would seem that the believers in our nation are becoming tired of the increasing secularization of our society, particularly in the areas of medical care and counseling. Where is one to go when he is diagnosed with inoperable malignancy or a psychiatric depression which is not being helped no matter what one has attempted to try. How is one to answer his children when they come home from school with questions concerning sexuality or when those promoting aberrant lifestyles are permitted to talk to the children about condoms and aberrant sexuality? It is not difficult to see how the cares of the world mount up and how they enter our homes through a multitude of avenues—television, radio, the telephone, or people coming in visiting us or soliciting us? The home as a sanctuary and as a fortress erected to protect the family and the children is being invaded and in many instances destroyed.

"For with God Nothing Shall Be Impossible" — Luke 1:37
Christian Medical Foundation exists to be a bulwark against these evil influences. It is a counseling center which has helped virtually thousands of people both medical and laymen alike. Being in this unique Christian position, of course, we come under tremendous attack and the most obvious area of attack upon us at this time is that which has in many instances virtually stopped the financial support of the Foundation. Between now and March 1, the Foundation has an emergency need of $30,000. This consists of two major bills owing, one to the Internal Revenue Service for unpaid payroll taxes for the third quarter of 1991 and the other for a deficit incurred at our last Christian Medical Foundation International conference in Tampa in October. These bills must be paid within the next three weeks. Please pray about this and consider what you might do or perhaps you might be able to stimulate help toward CMF through someone whom you might know who could help us. Christian Medical Foundation receives no funding from the Church, from endowments, from government or from any other source. We are virtually supported through widows' mites and small gifts. However in recent times these small gifts have in many instances ceased to come in and people involved in the cares of this world have ceased to give in any major way either. I hate to write this to you but this is a very serious situation and needs your prayerful support. Please forgive me for writing to you in this vein but as President of Christian Medical Foundation, it is what I must do.

Thank you for your consideration and your prayers.

faithfully in Jesus Christ,

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