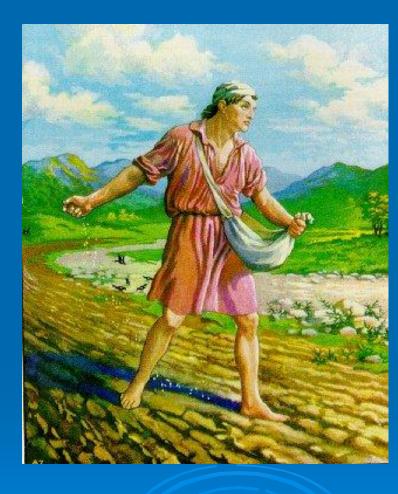
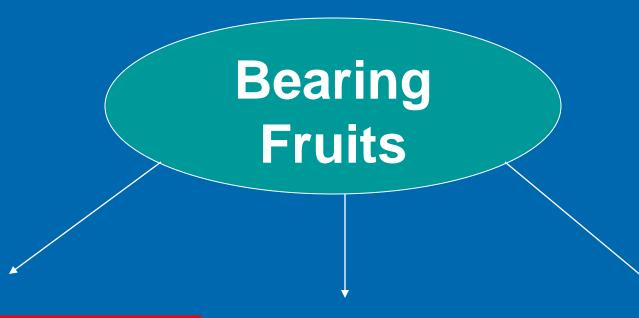
"But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience"



Luke 8:15



1. Hearing with a noble heart

2. Keep it

3. Patience

1. Hearing with a noble heart (1)

- ▶ It is shown in the eagerness to listen. "As long as a person doesn't know what he doesn't know, he is not going to grow" --John Maxwell
- It is in the simplicity in accepting God's words. Within these hearts, there is neither bias nor prejudice.



1. Hearing with a noble heart (2)

> It is in the humility in subjection to His commandments. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams" 1 Samuel 15:22



2. Keeping the Word (Processing) (1)

The first step in the 1. process is to understand it. "But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples" Mark 4:34



2. Keeping the Word (Processing) (2)

Then comes self-2. examination in the light of the Word of God: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" Psalm 139:23-24



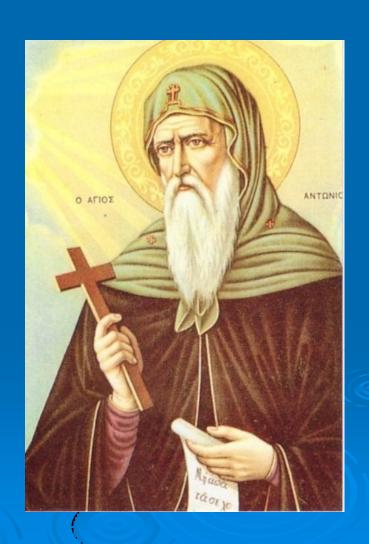
2. Keeping the Word (Processing) (3)

The Word of God 3. then cleanses the heart from the weeds of the old life: "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you" John 15:3



2. Keeping the Word (Processing) (4)

- 4. Then comes the phase when man is governed by the Word of God.
 - Obeying the Word becomes a delight to the soul
 - The heart is united in the fear of God



3. Patience (1)

- 1. No overnight fruits
- Acquiring the right attitude towards setbacks during the process is crucial to the final success: "Every successful person is someone who failed, yet never regarded himself as a failure"

--John Maxwell



3. Patience (2)

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" Galatians 6:9-10



3. Patience (3)

- Failures should be seen as temporary and an opportunity to learn how to grow stronger in the love of God.
 - The examples of St.
 John the beloved,
 St. Peter, St. Paul and
 St. Thomas

