

I'm no example." Many a person will tell you—"How could I say a word in church. Why, everybody sees that my life is imperfect." Well, certainly it is imperfect. The life of everyone is imperfect, and God doesn't require that your life be perfect before you sow seed but He wants you to sow it in yourself as well as in the other person. The Word of God is a two-edged sword. It cuts both ways and God wants you as you apply the truth to someone else, He wants you to apply it to your own heart just as much, and He wants you to sow the seed in yourself as well as sow it in somebody else. To change the figure just a little bit, I saw Mr. James E. Bennet the other day and in the few minutes I was with him he gave an illustration which impressed me as rather interesting. We happened to be speaking about, I think it was about hearing things, and he said, "Yes, you know I sometimes tell people—up inside of your head there are a lot of filing cases and," he said, "everything that comes in goes into one of those filing cases. Everything you hear and everything you see goes into those little filing cases, and he says there is a little different gink there in the middle that looks at those ~~little~~ filing cases and he puts the things in and arranges them and everything that comes in is put in there and he says that little gink in there should have some thought about what is going to be put in those files, about having it so he can get it when he wants it," and he says, "another thing—that little gink is going to get pretty tired some times and he'll just grab at random," and he says, "if you put the wrong things in there, he is going to grab hold of something that he would be much better off without," and I thought it was a pretty good illustration. You are sowing in your field and that which you sow is going to grow up. "What a man soweth, that shall he also reap", and you cannot sow bad seed in your mind without reaping effects from it later, but you can have a great control over what comes into your mind, over what comes in from the outside—sometimes you can't altogether control it, but you can control very definitely what you, yourself, put into your mind—what you read, what you think about. Do you read the Scripture simply to prepare to give a sermon? Do you read the Scripture simply