

Introduction: "Remember these?"

- More to planting than meets the eye...

"Plant" ~ Five Key Principles

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed." Matthew 13:3*

2. " \_\_\_\_\_..." (almost)

*"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot..." Ecclesiastes 3:1-2*

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap. As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things." Ecclesiastes 11:4-5*

4. \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease."  
Jeremiah 29:5-6*

5. \_\_\_\_\_!

*"What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade." Mark 4:30-32*

Answers to Sermon Outline: If you don't plant, you'll never harvest. "Timing is everything." But don't get paralyzed. God still plants in tough times. Even small plants get big!