

A STORY

contributed to the
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Reader's Digest
by M. L. Grassick,
dramatizes the limits and
potentialities of the
educational process —
especially when read
in conjunction with
the Parable of the Sower
in Mark 4: 7-8.

WHEN I was young, I wanted everything and all at once, until our old Scottish minister explained things this way:

One night he dreamed that he saw a new shop in the High Street. He went in, and saw an angel behind the counter. Nervously, he asked what the shop sold. "Everything your heart desires," the angel said.

"Then I want peace on earth," cried the minister, "an end to sorrow, famine, and disease . . ."

"Just one moment," smiled the angel. "You haven't quite understood. We don't sell fruits here — only seeds."

. . . And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

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