

The Parable of the Cornfield

A Lesson in Receptivity

Back in the days when I lived on the farm, Dad and I would go out in the summer to pull sweet corn. Confronted with many rows of corn and thousands of cornstalks, we would walk down a row and begin looking for ripe corn. We did this using several clues:

“Is the silk dried?”

“Does the ear look fat and full?”

“Does it feel firm?”

With these things in mind, Dad and I were able to check hundreds of ears of corn in a short time. We could pull only the ears that were ready and leave the others to ripen. Later, we would go back and find that there were new ears of corn that were ripe enough to pull.

What do we learn about receptivity from this story?

