

## 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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