

PARABLE OF THE SOIL



MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23



The Sower & The Seed

Hearts Can & Do Change

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.



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Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.



The “Wayside” Heart

Some Are Closed Minded

Some Are Unable To Understand

Some Are Impatient



The “Wayside” Heart

Psalm 1

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.



The “Rocky” Heart

Some Are Impulsive & Easily Excitable

Luke 14:25-33

Colossians 2:6-7

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.



The “Thorny” Heart

Some Are Distracted

Luke 10:38-42 (Tonight)

Mark 10:21

Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack...”



The “Thorny” Heart

Some Are Distracted

Luke 8:42

for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him

Same Greek Word

Luke 8:14

Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.



The “Good, Noble” Heart

“Understands It” (Matthew 13:23)

“Accepts It” (Mark 4:20)

“Keeps It” (Luke 8:15)

“Bears Fruit”

And Does So Continually!



The “Good, Noble” Heart

James 1:22-25

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.



The “Good, Noble” Heart

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.



What Kind Of Soil Are You?