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# “The Parable of the Sower”

## Luke 8:4-15 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: <sup>5</sup> “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup> Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. <sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup> But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”



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<sup>9</sup> Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” <sup>10</sup> And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’* <sup>11</sup> “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup> But the ones on the rock *are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation*



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fall away. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.





**Luke 8:4-15**

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The Gospel According to Luke*

# “The Parable of the Sower”



## LESSONS:

- ▶ The **IMPORTANTANCE** of “**SOWING THE SEED**” - (God’s word, Luke 8:11).
- ▶ An illustration of the role of God’s word in saving men (Rom. 1:16; 10:17)
- ▶ How different types of hearts receive God's Word (Acts 17:11,12)

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## ■ LESSONS:

- ▶ Jesus explains why some accept or reject God's word.
- ▶ The gospel's impact depends on our hearts.
- ▶ The need for the right attitude toward God's Word.
- ▶ The strength of our faith depends on our attitude toward God's word.

# “We Determine Condition of Our Heart”



- Hear & give attention – 1
- Let your heart retain my words – 4
- Do not forget, turn away, or forsake wisdom – 5,6
- Love, get and exalt wisdom & understanding – 7-9
- Receive and take firm hold of instruction – 10-13
- Stay away from evil – 14-17

# SOIL #1 — The Wayside Hearer



- **Wayside (Unresponsive Closed Minded) Hearer**
  - ▶ *Hodos* - "A road, highway, street, way"
  - ▶ The seed of the gospel could not penetrate the hard surface (Luke 8:5).
  - ▶ This was the condition of most of the Jewish leadership of Jesus' day.

# SOIL #1 — The Wayside Hearer



- **Wayside (Unresponsive Closed Minded) Hearer**
  - ▶ Satan's influence, combined with free will, keeps the word from reaching the heart, where salvation could occur. - (1 Cor. 1:22,23; Eph. 4:17-19).

# SOIL #2 — Rocky Ground Hearer



## ■ The Undeveloped Believer

- ▶ Seed will sprout, but the rock below stops deep roots.
- ▶ Receives with joy, believes, is saved, but falls away during trials. — (Luke 8:13)

# SOIL #2 — Rocky Ground Hearer



## ■ The Undeveloped Believer

- ▶ Moved by the word but not committed to growth. - (2 Pet 1:5-10)
- ▶ Those once saved by faith can lose their faith and be lost – (Hebrews 10:26-29)

# SOIL #3 — Thorny Ground Hearer



- **Thorny Ground (Unfruitful Disciple)**
  - ▶ Had to compete for sunlight and nutrients.
  - ▶ Weeds deprive healthy plants of nourishment, leaving them weak.

# SOIL #3 — Thorny Ground Hearer



- **Thorny Ground (Unfruitful Disciple)**
  - ▶ Although renewed by the gospel, believers' faith is choked by worldly distractions, resulting in a divided heart and unfruitful faith. - (Mat 6:22-24)

# SOIL #4 — Good Ground Hearer



- **Good Ground (Fruitful Christian)**
  - ▶ Recognizes the value — (Mat 13:44-46)
  - ▶ Hears & understands - receives God's Word - (Mark 4:20).
  - ▶ Keeps God's Word & perseveres - (Rev 3:10).
  - ▶ Bears fruit - (John 15:5)

# SOIL #4 — Good Ground Hearer



- **Good Ground (Fruitful Christian)**
  - ▶ Win souls - (Acts 8:4; 1 Thes 1:8)
  - ▶ Practical holiness - (Rom 12:1-2)
  - ▶ Fruit of the Spirit / Christ-like character - (Gal 5:22,23)

# SOIL #4 — Good Ground Hearer



## ■ Good Ground (Fruitful Christian)

- ▶ Is noble & honest / searches – (Philippians 4:8)
- ▶ Receives the word with meekness - (Jas 1:21)
- ▶ Willing to make changes - (Jas 1:25)
- ▶ Bears fruit – (Col 1:10)
- ▶ A heart like the one described in Ps 1:1-3?

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## **WHAT KIND OF SOIL ARE YOU?**

- ❖ **Who received seed by the wayside.**
- ❖ **Who received the seed on stony places.**
- ❖ **Who received seed among the thorns.**
- ❖ **Who received seed on the good ground.**

# *“The Parable of the Sower”*

How to Become a Christian.

## **Plan of Salvation**

- ◆ **Hear the Word of God- John 5:24**
- ◆ **Believe in Jesus Christ- John 20:30-31**
- ◆ **Repent of Sins- Acts 3:19**
- ◆ **Confess Christ – Matthew 10:32-33**
- ◆ **Be baptized – Romans 6:4**
- ◆ **Added to His Church - Acts 2:47**
- ◆ **Live for Christ who died for you - Matthew 10:22**
- ◆ **The Lord is always with us - Matthew 28:20**