Parables of Jesus

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INTRODUCTION

- There is one sermon in the Bible, that it doesn't matter how old or young you may be, it doesn't matter if you were married or single, it is relevant to you.
- He tells us in verse number 11 that the seed, the seed is the word of God.
- The sower is any disciple or Christian who has the courage and the love to go out into the world and share the seed with those who need to hear it. And the soils, well, the soils represent hearts.

1 The Wayside Soil: Hears but Never Gives It a Chance

Luke 8:12

- The wayside soil represents the person who hears the word of God. They hear preaching and teaching from the scriptures, but he never really gives it a chance.
- This person still chooses to have a hardened heart. This person chooses to reject what God says in his word.
- Maybe they don't want to admit that they were wrong in the way they were raised. Maybe they just love sin too much.
- The problem is not with the sower or with the seed. It's with the person's heart. They choose not to believe.

2 The Rocky Soil: Converted, but in Time Falls Away

Luke 8:13; Galatians 5:4; 1 Corinthians 9:24–27

- The rocky soil represents the person who is initially converted by the gospel. They initially believe, but in time, this person falls away.
- Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear receive the word of God with joy, and these have no firm root. They believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.
- Jesus does not say here that these people heard the word of God and then they were not truly converted.
- I discipline my body and make it my slave so that after I preach to others, I myself will not be disqualified.
- It is possible for believers, for Christians, for followers of Jesus to fall away from him.

3 The Thorny Soil: No Fruit to Maturity

Luke 8:14

- Jesus never says in this text or in Matthew's account or Mark's account that these people fall away.
- They allow the things of this world to choke them out spiritually, and they never grow.

- These are the people who may be coming every Wednesday night Bible class. They're hearing a bunch of sermons, they're praying a bunch of prayers, they're singing a bunch of songs, but they're still fruitless.
- If we're not careful as Christians living in this world today, we can find ourselves becoming too busy.
- We're too distracted. And we're too selfish. And we're too full of pride to change.

4 The Good Soil: Bearing Fruit for the Glory of God

Luke 8:15; John 15:8; Matthew 7:12

- The Lord doesn't condemn these people. The Lord doesn't rebuke these people. Instead, these people are commended by the Lord.
- Not only do they hear the word of God, but they also hold fast to it while bearing fruit for the glory of God.
- Jesus says, His father is glorified when his people bear much fruit.
- They read the Bible every single day. They're not content with where they currently are spiritually.
- These people are humble enough to repent and reform and ask forgiveness from God and maybe those they've sinned against.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **The question is, which one of these soils represents us? Which one? Which one represents me? Which one represents you?**

MY NOTES