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Parable of  
the Sower

Matthew

13:1-9

& 18-23



Matthew 13:1 That day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea. 2 And large crowds gathered to Him, so He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd was standing on the beach 3 And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying...

9 He who has ears, let him hear.

Contrast

13:3-4, 19 Tough Hearted Soil (Tender)

13:5-6, 20-21 Temporary Hearted Soil (Tried)

13:7, 22 Torn Hearted Soil (Total)

13:8, 23 Good Soil (Hears/Understands/ReActs)



Matthew 3 b ...“Behold, the sower went out to sow;  
4 and as he sowed, some SEEDS fell **beside the road**,  
and the birds came and ate them up...

19 When anyone hears THE WORD of the kingdom  
and does not understand it, the evil one comes and  
snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is  
the one on whom seed was sown **beside the road**.

- The sower is God & the seed is the Word (kingdom).
- Some are so hard the words are taken away quickly.
- The evil one gets in the way.

Mt. 13:5 Others fell on the **rocky places**, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had **no root**, they withered away... 20 The one on whom seed was sown on the **rocky places**, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has **no firm root** in himself, but is only **temporary**, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.

- Some are so temporary that the gospel doesn't shape their lives showing it really never took root.
- The flesh gets in the way.



Matthew 13:7 Others fell among the **thorns**, and the **thorns** came up and **choked** them out....

22 And the one on whom seed was sown among the **thorns**, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth **choke** the word, and it becomes **unfruitful**.

- Some really have a deep rooted hearing of the word but then are torn allowing other thorns in their lives to take root which chokes off the word in their lives showing a lack of true understanding.
- The ways of the world get in the way.



Matthew 13:8 And others fell on **the good soil** and yielded a crop, some **a hundredfold**, some **sixty**, and **some thirty**...23 And the one on whom seed was sown on **the good soil**, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed **bears fruit** and brings forth, some **a hundredfold**, some **sixty**, and **some thirty**.”

- One becoming a kingdom citizen & fellow worker, like a seed that produces 100-60-30 times what was sown, is one who lives in God's Word & lives out God's Word so much that God produces fruit.



- Attention needs to be given to the task of hearing God's Word of the kingdom until it takes proper root...

John 1:11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as **received Him**, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name...

- Attention needs to be given to the task of continually being rooted & grounded in God's love & grace.

John 8:31 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you **abide [continue] in My word**, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."



Following Christ (The King):  
*Surrendering-Abiding-Worshiping*



## Hear & ReAct

Maturing as Members of the Body of Christ:  
*Gathering-Equipping-Loving*



Multiplying Generations of Disciples of Christ:  
*Living Sent-Inviting Along-Proclaiming Christ*



**100-60-30**