

What Type Of Ground Are You? (Leadership & Congregation Notes)

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Scripture Reading – Luke 8:4-15

There are 2 accounts of “The Parable of the Sower” (Matthew & Luke’s Gospel)

Main Idea – There are 4 types of soil, **but only one 1 is good enough to produce fruit.**

There’s nothing wrong with the seed (the Word of God), it’s the soil of the heart that’s problem. Whenever God’s Word goes out, it does not return to Him void, but accomplishes whatever He desires it to (**Isaiah 55:11**).

How does God view His Word? **God has magnified His Word above His name.** (**Psalm 138:2**)

Some understood the mysteries of the kingdom of God, while others did not (**Luke 13:10**)

What is the soil/ground? The hearts of man/woman. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it (**Jeremiah 17:9**)

1. Soil along the way side or path – (**Luke 8:5, 12**)
 - A) Whenever the unsaved/unbeliever hears the Word only
 - B) **This person is not born again.** Therefore, has personal relationship.
 - C) Satan’s strategies against us (**Genesis 3:13, Luke 4:9-11, 2 Corinthians 4:4, John 10:10 & John 8:44**).
2. Soil along the stony or rocky places - (**Luke 8:13**)
 - A) Those that hear & receive the Word with joy. This person has a no true relationship with Jesus
 - B) **This person appears to be born again, but is not**
 - C) Not every who says to me, Lord, Lord will inherit the kingdom of God (**Matthew 7:21-23**).
3. Soil among the thorns - (**Luke 8:7, 14**)
 - A) Those that hear and go forth
 - B) **This person has an even greater appearance of being born again, but is not**
 - C) The thorns sprang up and choke the Word (**Mark 10:17-22**) & (**1 John 2:16-17**).
4. Soil that is good ground – (**Luke 8:15**).
 - A) This person hears the Word, understands the Word, receives the Word & obeys the Word (evidence of a true conversion). A life that produces fruit for God’s kingdom

B) *This person is actually born again*

C) One plants, one waters, but God gives the increase (**1 Corinthians 3:6-7**)

D) Evidence of a transformed life: 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Acts 17:11, Psalm 1:2), 2 Timothy 4:2), Romans 8:13), 1 Corinthians 12:1-31) & hearers & doers of God's Word (**James 1:22**).

Closure – What is the simple Gospel message that leads to eternal salvation?

(1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

A) Jesus died for our sins according to the scriptures

B) He was buried

C) He rose from the dead on the third day according to the scriptures

D) Now the heart is good ground