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Part 2 – The 4 Soils of our Heart



Luke 8:4-15

Luke 8:4 - NLT

One day Jesus told a story in the form of a parable to a large crowd that had gathered from many towns to hear him:

Luke 8:5

“A farmer went out to plant his seed. As he scattered it across his field, some seed fell on a footpath, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it.

Luke 8:6

Other seed fell among rocks. It began to grow, but the plant soon wilted and died for lack of moisture.

Luke 8:7

**Other seed fell among thorns that
grew up with it and choked out
the tender plants.**

Luke 8:8a

Still other seed fell on fertile soil.

This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!”

Luke 8:8b

When he had said this, he called out, “Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”

Luke 8:9

**His disciples asked him what this
parable meant.**

Luke 8:10a

He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of God. But I use parables to teach the others so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled:

Luke 8:10b

‘When they look, they won’t really see. When they hear, they won’t understand.’

Luke 8:11

“This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is God’s word.

Luke 8:12

The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and prevent them from believing and being saved.

Luke 8:13

The seeds on the rocky soil represent those who hear the message and receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they believe for a while, then they fall away when they face temptation.

Luke 8:14

The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity.

Luke 8:15

And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.

Definition of a Parable

A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Parables tell a story using something we see every day, to help us understand a spiritual truth that we can not see with our natural, physical eyes.

A fascinating thing about the parables of Jesus is that they are always open-ended. That means they leave us with some profound questions to think about. They leave us with a truth to which we must respond in one way or another.

Jesus' 1st Implied Question

**What is the CURRENT condition of
your heart with regards to the
Word of God?**

Jesus' 2nd Implied Question

What are you doing with your life; is it producing spiritual fruit?

Jesus' 3rd Implied Question

What will happen to you when
you die?

Principle #1

All truth, all the earth, and all human beings belong to God.

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Principle #2

Whether we know it or not, we are all somewhere in the process of receiving or rejecting God's Truth in our lives.

Principle #3

Receiving the truth of God's Word, developing a genuine belief, and being able to fully embrace your eternal salvation is more often than not, a process.

The 3 Unfruitful Soils

The Footpath

The Rocks

The Thorns

The 3 Enemies of the Gospel

The Devil

The World

Our Flesh

The Footpath - The Devil

They hear God's message of salvation, but the Devil, the father of lies, swoops in and snatches the truth from their hearts, thereby preventing them from having continued belief.

The Rocks – The World

They hear and receive God's message of salvation with joy, but because they are not deeply rooted in God's Word, they believe for a while but then fall away.

The Thorns – Our Flesh

They hear God's message of salvation, but their continued focus on the cares, riches, and pleasures of this life prevents them from growing into spiritual maturity. As a result, they are unable to produce spiritual fruit.

What significance is
this passage supposed
to have on those of us
who already believe
and who are already
saved?

Don't You Dare Forget!

The only reason why the fertile soil was fertile was because God had already been at work; nourishing, watering, and preparing that soil for a long time.

As Believers...

We should all come to understand that the only reason we were able to respond positively to the Gospel message of Jesus Christ is because God supernaturally transformed our heart of stone.

Principle #4

Believing in and accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is not the end of our spiritual journey, it is just the beginning!

Principle #5

God is calling each and every one of us into a life long journey of being transformed more and more into Christlikeness. That journey begins and ends with the transformation of our heart.

A Big Picture of the Different Soils in the Human Heart



Principle #6

God is in the business of constantly revealing, eliminating, and transforming the footpath, the weeds, and the rocks that are embedded in our hearts and our character.

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