

What Is the Soil in Your Soul Like?

(Matt. 13:2-9; Mark 4:1-9; Luke 8:4-18)

I. INTRODUCTION

A. WHAT IS A PARABLE?

1. A parable is an _____ story with a _____ meaning.
2. A parable makes a _____ between what is _____ truth (an earthly illustration), and what is _____ truth (the spiritual meaning).

B. WHY DID JESUS SPEAK IN PARABLES?

1. Jesus spoke in parables so that He could continue to reveal _____ to His _____ (Mark 4:10-12; Luke 8:9-10).
2. Jesus spoke in parables to _____ the truth from hard hearted _____ (Mark 4:10-12; Luke 8:9-10).
3. Jesus spoke in parables to _____ Scripture, specifically _____ (Matt. 13:14-15; Mark 4:12).

II. THE PARABLE OF THE FOUR SOILS (Luke 8:4-18)

**Who is the sower?*

**What is he sowing?*

A. The 1st Soil that the SEED fell on was _____ (Luke 8:5, 12).

1. This person is a “_____” man.
2. His/her spiritual condition is: _____
3. Up to this point, this person has _____ the Word of God, and their heart is _____.

**Is this what the soil in your soul is like?*

B. The 2nd Soil that the SEED fell on was the _____ (Luke 8: 6, 13).

~~4.~~ This person is _____

2. His/her spiritual condition is: “ _____ ”

3. The soil in the soul of these people is _____, it's _____, almost non-existent.

4. Jesus equates the _____ with persecution and trials (Matt. 13:5-7, 20-21).

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C. The 3rd Soil that the SEED fell on was the _____ (Luke 8:7, 14).

~~1.~~ This person is _____

2. His/her spiritual condition is: “ _____ ”

3. In this 3rd soil, the seed _____ germinate (takes root) but the _____ of the world _____ it, and it does not come to maturity.

4. They have a preoccupied heart full of _____, pleasures, and _____ for other things.

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D. The 4th Soil that the SEED fell on was the _____ (Luke 8:8, 15).

~~1.~~ This person is _____

~~2.~~ His/her spiritual condition is: “ _____ ”

3. In this 4th soil, the seed germinated, and it took root and _____ to maturity, bearing a plentiful _____ of _____.

4. This is a soil (or soul) that is _____ and _____ ready to receive sound _____.

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III. CONCLUSION

A. How does this apply to you?

1. What three things in life are most important to you?

2. What three things do you think about the most?