Later that same day Jesus left the house and sat beside the lake. 2 A large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat there and taught as the people stood on the shore. 3 He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one:
“Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. 4 As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. 5 Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. 6 But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn’t have deep roots, they died. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. 8 Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! 9 Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”

Matthew 13:1–9 (NLT)

11 He replied, “You are permitted to understand the
secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not.
12 To those who listen to my teaching, more
understanding will be given, and they will have an
abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not
listening, even what little understanding they have will
be taken away from them.

Matthew 13:11-12 (NLT)


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18 “Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer
planting seeds: 19 The seed that fell on the footpath represents those
who hear the message about the Kingdom and don’t understand it.
Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was
planted in their hearts. 20 The seed on the rocky soil represents
those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy.
21 But since they don’t have deep roots, they don’t last long. They fall
away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for
believing God’s word. 22 The seed that fell among the thorns
represents those who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the
message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of
wealth, so no fruit is produced. 23 The seed that fell on good soil
represents those who truly hear and understand God’s word and
produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much
as had been planted!”
Matthew 13:18–23 (NLT)

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[23]Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. [24]Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Psalm 139:23–24 (NLT)

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Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the

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Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

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- Soft and Nourished Heart (Isaiah 66:2)
- Deep Heart (Luke 6:47-48)
- At Peace (Philippians 4:6-7)
- Seeking the Kingdom First (Matthew 6:33)

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