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Part 2

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 13:11–13 (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

course of your life.

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

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# The Five Soil Conditions of the Heart

- **The Hard Heart** *(Seed on the path)*
- **The Shallow Heart** *(Seed on rocky soil)*
- **The Worried Heart** *(Seed among thorns)*
- **The Wealth-Seeking Heart** *(Also among thorns)*
- **The Healthy and Hungry Heart** *(Good Soil)*

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# The Healthy and Hungry Heart

- Soft and Nourished Heart (Isaiah 66:2)
- Deep Rooted Heart (Luke 6:47-48)
- Peaceful Heart (Philippians 4:6-7)
- Kingdom Seeking Heart (Matthew 6:33)

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12 I said, ‘Plant the good seeds of righteousness,
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hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to
seek the Lord, that he may come and shower
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Hosea 10:12 (NLT)

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## Tools for Turning Soil

- **Repentance from Sin**
- **Seeking God Intentionally**
- **Time in His Presence**

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# ***Tend*** **the Soil of Your Heart by Planting the Word of God**

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Matthew 13:23 (NLT)

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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 13:8 (NLT)

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5 After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's
servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each
of us did the work the Lord gave us. 6 I planted the seed in
your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who
made it grow. 7 It's not important who does the planting, or
who does the watering. What's important is that God makes
the seed grow. 8 The one who plants and the one who
waters work together with the same purpose. And both will
be rewarded for their own hard work. 9 For we are both
God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's
building.
1 Corinthians 3:5–9 (NLT)

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[26] Jesus also said, “The Kingdom of God is like a farmer
who scatters seed on the ground. [27] Night and day, while
he’s asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he
does not understand how it happens. [28] The earth produces
the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through,
then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain
ripens. [29] And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer
comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time
has come.”

Mark 4:26–29 (NLT)

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