



PARABLES:

Stories for Life

Luke 8:1-18

**BIG QUESTIONS: Which "soil" are you?
Are you planting "seeds"?**

LUKE 8:1-4

Jesus' Kingdom is made up of people from all walks of life. The Gospel often bears fruit in unexpected people and places.

Keep sharing the Gospel, you never know when the seed will find **GOOD SOIL**

LUKE 8:5-8

LUKE 8:9-11

If you harden your heart and refuse to listen as the Holy Spirit convicts you, teaches you, instructs you...you will remain spiritually **DEAF** and **BLIND**.

LUKE 8:12-15

3 ELEMENTS:

- 1) THE **SEED**
- 2) THE **SOWER**
- 3) THE **SOILS**

THE SEED

"The seed is the word of God."

THE SOWER

The "sowers" are those that follow Jesus

THE SOILS

- 1) **HARD** SOIL
- 2) **ROCKY** SOIL
- 3) **WEEDY** SOIL
- 4) **GOOD** SOIL

THE HARD SOIL

The person whose soul has grown so hard and calloused towards God that the Gospel does not penetrate it

THE ROCKY SOIL

The person **RECEIVES** the Gospel but doesn't **REPENT**, who **CONSUMES** but doesn't **PRODUCE**

THE WEEDY SOIL

The person who receives **SALVATION** but does not submit to the process of **SANCTIFICATION**

"If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire." 1 Corinthians 3:15

THE GOOD SOIL

The person whose **FAITH** leads to **FRUIT**

LUKE 8:16-18



God's Word fully received produces **FRUIT**



God's Word rejected creates a **CALLOUSED** soul

The Gospel is for everyone and is the **SAME** for everyone

God has done everything He can to prove
His **LOVE** for you and make eternal
life possible for you

**"The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent."
2 Peter 3:9 NLT**

God has provided the way...the way is **JESUS**

God doesn't **SEND** people to Hell...people **CHOOSE** to go there

God **LOVES** you and therefore will not force Himself upon you

The greatest gift ever given can only be
RECEIVED, not **EARNED**

"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it." Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT

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