

A Heart of Change

Conclusion of stewarding our hearts

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Parable of the Sower: Matthew 13:1-23

4 Types of Soil:

1) Path

2) Rocky

3) Thorns:

- "The deceitfulness of riches which promise peace and pleasure but can never give them." The weeds and thorns choke the Word and worldly cares with belief in false promises cause men to abandon the great concerns of his soul. - Adam Clarke

- false promise of wealth (Ecclesiastes 5:10-17; Ecclesiastes 6:1-2; Matthew 6:19-24)

- "Dreadful stupidity of man, thus to barter spiritual for temporal good; a heavenly inheritance for an earthly portion." (Genesis 25:29-34)

- "The seed of the Kingdom can never produce much fruit in any heart till the thorns and thistles of vicious affections and impure desires are plucked up by the roots and burned."

4) Good Soil:

- well plowed and well weeded

- 3 evidences of a believer: hear, understand, and produce fruit

- not all believers are equally fruitful (Matthew 25:14-30 parable of talents)

- foundation is Christ (1 Corinthians 3:6)

- "let it be further observed that the unfruitfulness of the different lands was not owing to bad seed or an unskilled sower - but it is unfruitful in many because they are careless, inattentive, and worldly minded"

- Spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

- Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-20; Romans 12:4-8)

Important vs Urgent:

What is the difference? (Luke 10:38-42)

When are we called to be urgent?

What does God call us to? (Matthew 11:28-30; Phillipians 4:6-7)

Application:

Hebrews 10:19-25

- Draw near to God

- Hold onto the hope we profess

- Spur one another on toward love and good deeds

- Meet together and encourage one another

Matthew 28:18-20

- Go therefore and make disciples