

TOPSOIL – 4
“Whole-Hearted”
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Luke 8:4-8 *While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: 5 “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. 6 Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.” When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.” (NIV)*

Luke 8:11-15 *“This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. 14 The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. 15 But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. (NIV)*

The Types of Soil:

- 1. The Path**
- 2. Rocky Ground**
- 3. Among Thorns**
- 4. Good Soil**

- **Good soil is a sustainable and consistent environment for growth.**

1. BE PRESENT

Question: Am I more present with or without _____?

- **Presence is all about creating a space for God’s Word and God’s love to live.**

2. BE PATIENT

Luke 8:15 *And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God’s word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest. (NLT)*

3. BE PERSISTENT

Persistent = continuing firmly in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition

- **Success is obedience and faithfulness to the last thing God told you to do.**