

# **Understanding the Parable of the Sower**

## **The third Type of Ground (The Thorny Ground)**

Sermon Summary: Pastor Godwin Azeke continues his series on the Parable of the Sower, focusing on the third type of ground - the thorny ground. He emphasizes the importance of this parable as the key to understanding the Kingdom of God. The sermon explores how the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things can choke the Word of God in our lives, preventing it from bearing mature fruit. Pastor Azeke urges believers to prioritize the Word of God over worldly concerns and distractions.

### **Key Points:**

- The thorny ground represents good soil where the seed (Word of God) can germinate and grow
- Distractions and competing priorities can choke the Word, limiting its development
- The cares of this world, deceitfulness of riches, and desires for other things are major obstacles
- Believers must give attention and priority to the Word of God for it to bear mature fruit
- Cutting out spiritual practices (like Bible study or church attendance) should be avoided
- The parable of the sower is crucial for understanding all aspects of God's Kingdom

### **Scripture Reference:**

- Matthew 13:22
- Mark 4:18-19
- Luke 8:14