

DODGING DISTRACTIONS

“Dodging Dangerous Disruptions”

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“Don’t let the distractions become the disruptions that pull you apart.”

1. Dodge the SNATCHER.

Matthew 13:19 – “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.”

2. Dodge the SCORCHER.

Matthew 13:20-21 – “The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy, 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.”

3. Dodge the STRANGLER.

Matthew 13:22 – “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.”

4. Dodge the SABOTAGER.

Matthew 13:24-25 – Here is another story Jesus told: the Kingdom of heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field, but that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then he slipped away.”

“A disruption doesn’t look like destruction until it destroys you.”