
Soil, Roots, and Fruits + Carnivore Christian Intro

Today's Roadmap

- Introduce Soil, Roots, and Fruits
 - Introduce Carnivore Christian
 - How does God want to prepare our hearts for what he is going to do through these series'?
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5 “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. 6 And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.

*7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns
grew up with it and choked it. 8 And some fell
into good soil and grew and yielded a
hundredfold.” As he said these things, he
called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him
hear.”*

9 And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, 10 he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' 11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

12 The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away.

14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. 15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience. | Luke 8:5-15

14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

6 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

2 and of instruction about washings,[a] the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits. 4 For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit,

5 and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.

7 For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. 8 But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.

9 Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. 10 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

11 And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, 14 saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." 15 And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. 16 For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation.

17 So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, 18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 5:14 - 6:20

The Four Soils

- **Shallow Soil:** Seed never takes root
 - **Rocky Soil:** Seed only grows for a short time
 - **Thorny Soil:** Seed is choked out by the cares of the world
 - **Good Soil:** Seed is nurtured and grows
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The Soil is our **underlying**
attitudes, beliefs, and values.

Core Questions

- What do I believe about God?
- What do I believe about myself?
- What do I believe about the world?

Examples of the Soil:

- Character of God
 - Our Identity in Christ
 - Fear of the Lord
 - Humility
 - Forgiveness and Repentance
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The Roots are our **structure:**
activities that put our hearts in a
position to receive and be
transformed by God.

Example of the Roots:

- Personal Devotional Life
 - Scripture Reading
 - Prayer
 - Worship
 - Corporate Devotional Life
 - Five Circles of Healthy Church
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The Fruits are the **natural overflow of having healthy soil and roots**, and are the things we so often strive for and desire as Christians.

What happens when fruit becomes an idol...

Desire to get free from addiction >>> More worried about not sinning rather than intimacy with God >>> Shame >>> Believe false identity about self >>> Put up walls, run from God >>> Sin more to cope with feelings of shame

What happens when fruit becomes an idol...

Desire to see the lost saved >>> Begin doing evangelism and ministry >>> Believe others' salvation is up to you >>> overwork yourself in ministry >>> lose intimacy with God >>> get burned out >>> spend less time with God >>> get jaded, give up, turn to sin >>> Shame

Examples of the Fruits:

- Holiness/Freedom from Sin
 - Joy
 - Peace
 - Miracles
 - Impact in the world
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The Purpose of the Sunday Gathering

- Relationship together as the broader family of God
 - Celebration and worship of Jesus
 - **Equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry**
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Examples of Topics We'll Cover

- Judgment Seat of Christ
 - Hell
 - End Times
 - Problem of Evil
 - Creation
 - Sexuality
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Why are these important?

- These topics can be small chinks in our armor that lead to catastrophic results
 - **They are merely intellectual issues until a crisis hits, when they suddenly become overwhelming heart issues**
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Response

- God, is there something you want me to do in preparation for these series'?
 - God, what do you want to do in my heart through these upcoming series'?
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