



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



The Parable of the Sower: The Worldly Soil

Matthew 13:7, 22



Matthew 13:1–4

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.”



Matthew 13:5–9

⁵ “Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ **Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.** ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.”



Matthew 13:18–21

¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.”



Matthew 13:22–23

²² “As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”



1. Our hearts are a garden (13:7, 22)

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2. Worldly hearts are infested with false hopes (13:7, 22)

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3. Heart-idols choke out spiritual life (13:7, 22)

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Passage	Heart-Idols in the Worldly Soil
Matthew 13:22	“cares of the world”
	“deceitfulness of riches”
Mark 4:19	“cares of the world”
	“deceitfulness of riches”
	“desires for other things”
Luke 8:14	“cares (of life)”
	“riches (of life)”
	“pleasures of life”



1 Timothy 6:6–10

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out. ⁸ If we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation, a trap, and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.



2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.



Luke 12:22–26

²² And he said to his disciples... “Do not be anxious about your life... ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing... ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?”



Luke 12:30–31

³⁰ “For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.”



Philippians 4:6–7

⁶ ...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



Luke 10:41–42

⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things,
⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”



Philippians 4:11–13, 19

¹¹ I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound.

In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me... ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.



1 Peter 5:6–7

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.



Psalm 62:8

Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.



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