



Series Title: The Law of The Harvest (Gal 6:7-9)

A close-up of a weathered hand holding a small amount of golden wheat seeds. The background is a soft-focus field of wheat under a warm, golden sunset sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**WHATEVER
A MAN SOWS
THAT HE WILL
ALSO REAP**

Lesson One: Check Your Seed, What Are You Sowing

Lesson Two: Check Your Environment

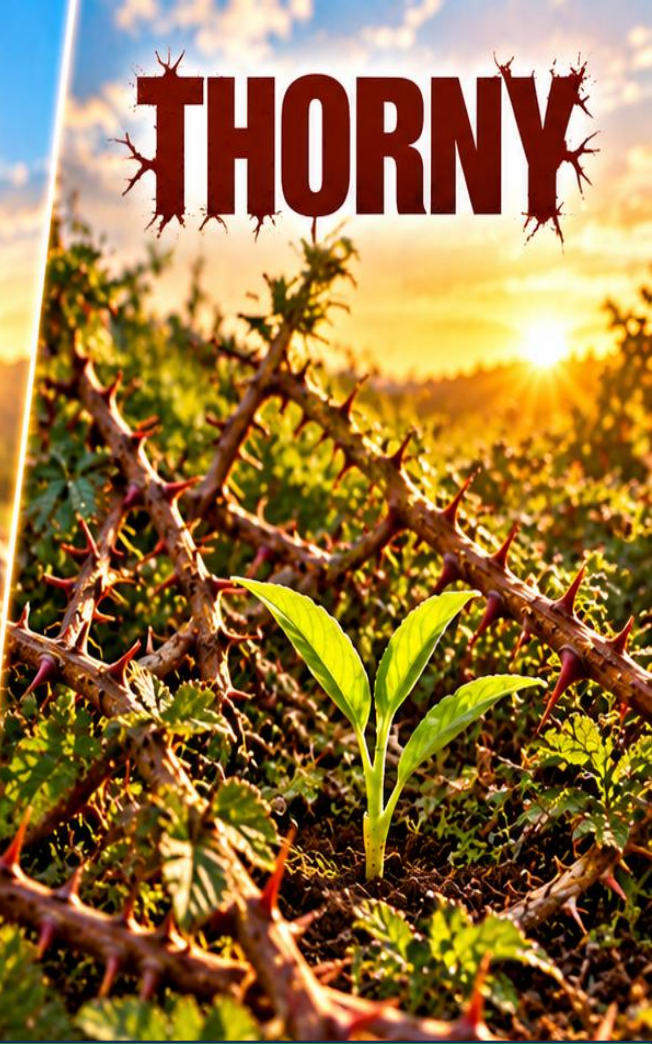
“What You Plant Matters”

“Where You Plant It Matters”



If The Seed Is Right and The Environment Is Right

The Farmer Eventually Expect Something To Grow



**When The Seed and Environment Is Right
BUT NO HARVEST**

Check The Soil: Matthew 13:4-9



“Part III: Check Your Soil Scripture Reading Matt 13:1-9



CHURCH OF CHRIST *at Long Creek*

**Good Ground, Bears Good Fruit
Check You Heart**



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The Seed: Is The Word of God Luke 8:11



Man shall not live by bread alone but _____
That proceeds from the mouth of God Matt 4:4



The Word Tells Me How To Live



WAYSIDE

STONY

THORNS

The Soil: Is The Heart Luke 8:15

A Heart Examination

Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart
with all diligence,

For out of it
spring the issues of life.

You Can't Trust Your Heart

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above
all *things*, And desperately
wicked; **Who** can know it?



WAYSIDE



STONY



THORNS



WAYSIDE SOIL

HARDENED

Matt 13:4 And as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.



Hard Soil Must Be Broken



Matt 13:19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and **does not understand it**, then **the wicked one** comes and **snatches away** what was sown in his heart. This is he who **received seed by the wayside**.

Hearts Can Become Hard From Habitual Sin

Heb 3:13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” **lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.**

Rom 1:28 & 1 Tim 4:2

Sometimes The Problem Is Not Sin But Life Be Lifting

Heb 12:15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; **lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble,** and by this many become defiled.

When Life's Too Long Bitterness Can Follow

Hosea 10:12 Sow **for yourselves righteousness**; reap steadfast love; **break up your fallow ground**, for it is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and **rain righteousness upon you.**



If The Soil of Your Heart Is Hardened

BREAK IT

Can The Word Turn You

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STONY SOIL

SHALLOW



Matt 13:5-6 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away.



Shallow Soil Need Roots



Matt 13:20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

There Was Excitement & Growth But It Did Not Survive

Matt 13:21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while.
For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word,
immediately he stumbles

Being A Christian Is Easy When The Word Agrees With You

Tribulation: pressure, affliction, distress squeezed
Persecution: hostility, mistreatment

The Word May Put You At Odds With Family, Friends, Culture,

The Word May Put You At Odds With Other Christians

1 Pet 3:21 (Baptism), 1 Tim 2:12(Women) 1 Cor 16:1-2 (Offering)



The Shallow Soil...cont.



Col 2:6-7 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, **How Do We Walk In Christ**

⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Will You Live By The Word When It Cost You Something

The Word says forgive **Eph 4:32** but you're still hurting.

The Word says love your enemy **Matt 5:44** but you rather retaliate.

The Word says remain sexually pure **1 Cor 6:18** but your body is saying?

The Word says tell them the truth **Eph 4:25** but lying would benefit you.

The Word says stay faithful **Heb 10:25** but walking away would be easier.

When Life Challenges Your Faith You Find Out How Deep Your Roots Christ Are



The Shallow Soil...cont.



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**If The Soil of Your Heart Is
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Deepen It**

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A young green seedling with three leaves is growing out of a dense thicket of thorny branches. The thorns are sharp and reddish-brown. In the background, there's a bright, hazy sky with a sunburst effect on the right side. A purple thistle-like flower is visible in the upper left corner.

THORNY SOIL

CROWDED

Matt 19:7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.



Crowded Seed Must Be Cleared



Matt 19:22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful

**The Word Can Get In When It's Not Too Hard Or Too Shallow
Starting Well Is Part of The Battle**

Heb 12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us

Maybe We Need To Stop Asking Is It Wrong

Ask Instead Is It Helping Me Grow

If It Causes God To Get Leftovers It's Competing With The Seed



Crowded Seed Must Be Cleared



Matt 19:22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the seed, and it grows not.

**If The Soil of Your Heart Is
Too Crowded
Weed It (Pull It)**

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WAYSIDE

Break It



STONEY

Deepen It



THORNY

Weed It



GOOD SOIL

PRODUCES FRUIT

Matt 19:8 But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.⁹ He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”



Good Soil Produces A Harvest



Matt 13:1-3 But he who receives seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Are You Satisfied With Just Hearing, Knowing & Quoting
HEARS IT → UNDERSTANDS IT → LIVES IT → PRODUCES FROM IT

Information Alone Does Not Produce Transformation
Prov 4:7 Wisdom is the principal thing; *Therefore* get wisdom.
And in all your getting, get understanding.

How Is Understanding God's Word Proven?

Jas 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only...
Understanding is Proven When The Word Changes Us



Good Soil Produces A Harvest



John 15:8: “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit.”

What Have I Produced Since I Been Planted

God Is Not Looking For An Old Tree But A Fruitful Tree

God Showed You Love & Kindness

God Gave You Grace & Forgiveness

God Gave You Gifts & Time

God Gave The Gospel & Freedom

One Day Our Growing Season Will End (John 9:4)

The wayside heard it—but it never got in.

The stony heart heard it—but it never got deep.

The thorny heart heard it—but other things choked it.

The good heart heard it, understood it—and PRODUCED

One Day We Will All Meet The Lord of The Harvest

What Will We Say To Him: Lord I _____?



Let God Plant First



Before You Can Think About Producing Fruit, You Need To Let God
Plant The Seed in Your Heart

The Seed Is The Word Lk 8:11 & Your Heart Is The Soil (Lk 9:15)

**James 1:21 Says: "receive With Meekness The Implanted Word,
Which Is Able To Save Your Souls."**

The Gospel Is Still That Word & A Good Seed

Hear The Word (Rom 10:17)

Believe That Jesus Is The Christ: John 8:24

Repent Of Your Sins Luke 13:3

Confess Your Faith In Him (Matt 10:32-33)

Be Buried With Jesus and In His Likeness Rom 6:4

**Rom 6:4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might
walk in newness of life.**

The Law of The Harvest Gen 1:11

Spend The Rest of Your Life: Growing, Producing, and Bearing Fruit