

# THE RIGHT CONDITION

**Luke 8:4–15** – One day Jesus told a story in the form of a parable to a large crowd that had gathered from many towns to hear him: “A farmer went out to plant his seed. As he scattered it across his field, some seed fell on a footpath, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it. Other seed fell among rocks. It began to grow, but the plant soon wilted and died for lack of moisture. Other seed fell among thorns that grew up with it and choked out the tender plants. Still other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!” When he had said this, he called out, “Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.” His disciples asked him what this parable meant. He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of God. But I use parables to teach the others so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled: ‘When they look, they won’t really see. When they hear, they won’t understand. This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is God’s word. The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and prevent them from believing and being saved. The seeds on the rocky soil represent those who hear the message and receive it with joy. But since they don’t have deep roots, they believe for a while, then they fall away when they face temptation. The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity. And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God’s word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.”

**The condition of your heart determines the direction of your life.**

**Where is your heart?**

**1. The heart that is deceived.**

- **2 Corinthians 11:14** – But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

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## 2. The heart that is superficial.

- **2 Timothy 3:5** – They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

## 3. The heart that is distracted.

- **Proverbs 4:27** – Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.

## 4. The heart that is devoted.

- One who hears the Word of God.
- One who holds onto the Word of God.
- One who produces the Word of God.

Coming soon:

1. **Family Easter Breakfast:** Join us for a great family event this Saturday, March 28, from 9–11 am: pancakes, sausage, candy, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and the real Easter story communicated through Resurrection Eggs.
2. **Good Friday:** Start your Easter weekend with a time of reflection on the love Jesus has for humanity. Join us on Friday, April 3, at 6:30 pm for a special time of prayer, worship, communion, and celebration.
3. **Easter at DRC:** Not just a day to celebrate, it's the event that changed human history. Invite your friends and pray for a move of God—April 5 at 8 am, 9:30 am, and 11 am. Pick up your invites at the Connect Center.
4. **Next Steps:** What's your next step in your journey with Christ? Is it baptism? Sign up to be baptized next Sunday, March 29. Is it joining a serve team or life group? Stop by the Connect Center to find out more. Is it joining the church? Sign up for DRC 101 on Sunday, April 19. Don't delay. Take your next step today.