

Parable of the Sower

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Faith is or denotes taking the time to hear from God. Once you hear and receive a word from God, you obey that word and persevere through the conflict that comes because of your obedience.

- Insight: _____
- Agreement: _____
- Obedience: _____

Daniel 9:22 "..., I have come forth to give you insight with understanding.

- Insight (Hebrew) – *sakal* – the primary meaning is to be prudent, wise, to understand

Mark 4:13 "And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? And how then will ye know all parables?"

~ Our goal is to gain insight with understanding so that we can agree with God to obey/act on His Word, persevere and have good success! ~

The Four Factors of Production

Of the four factors of production—which are seed, water, soil and light—only one has the ability and capacity to change: soil.

- Light or sunlight is a constant. Nothing changes the light. Every day, the sun always shines.

- Water is always water, though it may become steam, dew, or ice. It is always H₂O. From rivers, streams or rain, no living thing can live without water.

Up to 60% of the human adult body is water. According to H.H. Mitchell, Journal of Biological Chemistry 158, the brain and heart are composed of 73% water, and the lungs are about 83% water. The skin contains 64% water, muscles and kidneys are 79%, and even the bones are watery: 31%. Jul 23, 2018

<https://water.usgs.gov/edu/propertyyou.html>

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- The seed is that which is planted in the ground (soil). It determines what the harvest will be. “Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap.” Gal. 6:7

- The ability of the soil to receive the seed is determined by the pliability of the soil. According to Mark 4, Luke 8, and Matthew 13, the soil can make or break the outcome of a successful harvest.

As mentioned in the text, there are four (4) types of soil that will directly determine the outcome or productivity of your harvest.

1.

2.

3.

4.

The Sower Sows the **WORD!**

The seed in this case (Mark 4, Luke 8, Matt. 13) is the incorruptible Word of God.

Incorruptible is defined as “not subject to death or decay.” It is imperishable, indestructible, and inextinguishable. Ever living! Cannot die!

Thus, if there is a crop failure, it is not because of bad seed.

Providing there is ample water and light, the **ONLY** thing that will cause a disruption or hindrance to your harvest is the receptiveness, or yielding of the soil.

The Soils

1. **By the Wayside** – gr. “Along the path” – *Para Ho Hodos*
 - The hard, fallow ground where one walks, on the road.
 - “Turn row” – where the seed cannot penetrate the trodden pathway
 - a. According to Matt. 13:19, there are the ones who hear, but do not understand.

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- In other words, the rendering is made more graphic by preserving the continuous force of the present tense, as exhibiting action in progress, and the simultaneousness of Satan's work with that of the gospel instructor

Present Tense

Matt. 13:19 – “While any one is hearing, the evil one is coming and snatching away,” just as birds do not wait for the sower to be out of the way, but are at work while he is sowing

The distractions that continually come while the Word is taught / meditated upon (sown) are the enemy's attempts to immediately steal the Word from your heart.

2. **Stony Ground** – Not ground covered with loose stones, but a hard, rocky surface, covered with a thin layer of soil.
 - The seed germinated without a depth of soil, so it immediately sprouted up (looked real good); however, when the sun arose (also lacked moisture), the light that was supposed to bring forth photosynthesis, scorched the plant and it faded away.

3. **Among Thorns / Thornbushes** – Mark 4 presents three (3) things considered thorns:
 - Cares (worries of this world)

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- The deceitfulness of riches

- The Lusts (longing) for other things

4. Good Ground

- Good:

- Accept it:
