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What stops people from becoming more like Jesus?

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Matthew 13:1–2

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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.

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Matthew 13:3–4

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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.

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Matthew 13:5–6

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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.

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Matthew 13:7–8

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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.

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Matthew 13:18–19

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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.

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What makes someone the soil along the path?

- dismiss the message of the kingdom as foolish
- don’t care enough to try to understand
- not interested in considering something new

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Matthew 13:20–21

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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.

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- excited as long as it's fun
- willing as long as it's easy

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What makes someone the soil with rocks?

- excited as long as it's fun
- willing as long as it's easy
- committed as long as it's safe

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Matthew 13:22

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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.

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What makes someone the soil with thorns?

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- a desire to be rich

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What makes someone the soil with thorns?

- a desire to be rich
- a fear of being poor

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What makes someone the soil with thorns?

- a desire to be rich
- a fear of being poor
- an illusion that we can pursue God and money

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Matthew 13:23

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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."

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