



"The Parable of the Sower"

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Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Matthew 13:3 (NIV84)

³ Then he told them many things in parables...

Parables = to _____.

Understanding Parables:

1. Parables used a _____ truth to illustrate an _____ truth.
2. Parables were not designed to teach _____.
3. Parables were designed to illuminate just _____.
4. Parables were not designed to be _____.
5. Parables were designed to both _____ truth.

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"The seed" represents the message about the _____.

"The sower" represents the one _____ the gospel.

"The birds" represent the _____.

"The soil" represents the _____ of the human heart.



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The Four Soils

#1 “The Path”: Those that reject the gospel due to _____.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV84)

⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

#2 “Rocky Soil”: Those who fall away due to _____.

John 15:18-19 (NIV84)

¹⁸ “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

#3 “Thorny Soil”: Those who fall away due to _____.

1 Timothy 6:10 (NIV84)

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

#4 “Good Soil”: Those that _____ in the Word of God.

Isaiah 55:10-11 (NIV84)

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Big Idea:

While many _____ receptive to the gospel, there will always be those _____!