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4 While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable:

“From this point on in Luke’s Gospel Jesus used parables more extensively as a means of teaching. They were particularly effective and easy to remember because He used familiar scenes.

Although parables clarified Jesus' teaching, they also included hidden meanings needing further explanation.

These hidden meanings challenged the sincerely interested to further inquiry, and thought truths that Jesus wanted to conceal from unbelievers.”

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5 “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. **6** Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture

7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. **8** Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.” When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

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Ezekiel 12:2

“Son of man, you are living among a rebellious people. They have eyes to see but do not see and ears to hear but do not hear, for they are a rebellious people.”

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Romans 9:17-20

17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh:

“I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” **18**

Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.

19 One of you will say to me: “Then why does God still blame us? For who is able to resist his will?” **20** But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? “Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’”

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9 His disciples asked him what this parable meant. **10** He said, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, “ ‘though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.’

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Isaiah 6:9-10

9 He said, “Go and tell this people: “
‘Be ever hearing, but never
understanding; be ever seeing, but
never perceiving.’ **10** Make the heart of
this people calloused; make their ears
dull and close their eyes. Otherwise
they might see with their eyes, hear
with their ears, understand with their
hearts, and turn and be healed.”

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11 “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. **12** Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

13 Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. **14** The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

15 But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

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“The only use of God’s Word that bears fruit is one that clings to it with patient steadfastness and a solid heart—a heart that says the most urgent task is to walk through life with all its traumas clinging tightly to God’s Hand and His Word.”

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- **“Path people”**: many of the religious leaders, [who] refused to believe God’s message
- **“Rock people”**: many in the crowd who followed Jesus, believe in His message, but never got around to do anything about it.

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- **“Thorn patch people”**: overcome by worries and the lure of materialism, leave no room in their lives for God.
- **“Good soil people”**: In contrast to all the other groups, follow Jesus no matter what the cost

Main point of the text

“As we look at our spiritual walk up to today, which soil are we.”

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Final Thoughts

“This parable should encourage spiritual “sowers”-those who teach, preach, and lead others. The farmer sowed good seed, but not all of the seed sprouted, and even the plants that grew had varying yields.

“Don’t be discouraged if you do not always see results as you faithfully teach the Word. Belief cannot be forced to follow a mathematical formula. Rather, it’s a miracle of God’s Holy Spirit as He uses your words to lead others to Him.”

Final Thoughts

Galatians 5:22-26

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. **26** Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.