



## **"Parable of the Sower"**

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1. What is your favorite story? Why do stories capture our attention in ways that other methods don't?
2. READ Matthew 13:1-9. What was the setting for the Parable of the Sower and why do you think this is the first one Jesus taught?
3. READ Matt. 13:10-17. What is a Parable? What is the purpose(s) of Parables?
4. READ Matthew 13:18-23. Identify (1) The Sower. (2) The Seed. (3) The various Soils.
5. What are some of the characteristics of someone with **a Hard Heart?** In this situation, why does the seed not grow?
6. Whose responsibility is it to save someone? (See I Cor. 3:5-9) How should this understanding help us to not be discouraged when people do not respond to our witness?
7. What are some of the characteristics of someone with **a Shallow Heart?** In this situation, why does the seed not bear fruit?
8. Are the Shallow Hearted and Choked Hearted saved? How do you personally interpret this parable?
9. As you think about your own spiritual growth, what are some things that have helped you grow deeper?
10. What are some of the characteristics of someone with **a Choked Heart?** In this situation, why does the seed not bear fruit?
11. Identify various "thorns" that choke the Word. How can we guard against them?
12. What are some of the characteristics of someone with **a Fruitful Heart?** In this situation, why are there various levels of fruit bearing, 30/60/100 fold?
13. READ John 15:1- 15) What are some practical ways we can improve our fruit production for God's Kingdom? What are some things that will hinder our fruit production?
14. What are some of your biggest takeaways from this parable? How will you apply what you have learned?
15. Pray for one another to become fruitful for the kingdom of God.