

PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM: 4 SOILS

MARK 4:1-20

THE SOWER SOWS THE WORD OF THE KINGDOM (v.1-9)

- Jesus is the _____.
- The seed is _____.
- The problem is never the _____.
- The issue is the _____ of the soil (heart).

THE SECRET OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD (v.9-12)

- The secret of the Kingdom of God is given as _____ to those who have _____.
1 Corinthians 2:14
- The secret of the Kingdom of God has arrived in the _____ and _____ of Jesus Christ!
- The Sower sows the seed _____. The difference is in the _____ of the Word.
- Jesus invites all to listen and hear!
- Parables invite us to _____, listen, and _____ our hearts!

THE 4 SOILS

1. The Path – a hardened heart where Satan comes and _____ takes the seed before it can take root. (v.4, 14-15) *2 Corinthians 4:3-4*
2. The Rocky Ground – the seed springs up quickly, but the soil is _____. (v.5-6, 16-17)
 - This is a picture of a _____ and _____ response to Christ where the Gospel never fully penetrates the heart. Then, when trouble comes, there is immediate rejection of the Gospel they claimed to have believed.
3. The Thorny Ground – These hear the word, but there are things in their lives that choke out the Word and prove it to be unfruitful. (v.7, 18-19)
 - The _____ of the world.
 - The _____ of riches.
 - The _____ for other things.
4. The Good Soil – Those who _____ the Gospel, accept it and _____. (v.8, 20)
 - The fruit produced is the fruit of the _____ in the hearts and lives of those who have trusted in _____! *1 Corinthians 3:5-9; Galatians 5:22-23; Matthew 7:17-20; John 15:1-5*

Ask yourself... Which “_____” is your heart? How’s your “_____” lately?

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MARK 4:1-20

THE SOWER SOWS THE WORD OF THE KINGDOM (v.1-9)

- Jesus is the FAITHFUL SOWER.
- The seed is GOOD.
- The problem is never the WORD.
- The issue is the CONDITION of the soil (heart).

THE SECRET OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD (v.9-12)

- The secret of the Kingdom of God is given as GRACE to those who have EARS TO HEAR.
1 Corinthians 2:14
- The secret of the Kingdom of God has arrived in the PERSON and WORK of Jesus Christ!
- The Sower sows the seed INDISCRIMINATELY. The difference is in the HEARER of the Word.
- Jesus invites all to listen and hear!
- Parables invite us to LEAN IN, listen, and EVALUATE our hearts!

THE 4 SOILS

1. The Path – a hardened heart where Satan comes and IMMEDIATELY takes the seed before it can take root. (v.4, 14-15) *2 Corinthians 4:3-4*
2. The Rocky Ground – the seed springs up quickly, but the soil is SHALLOW. (v.5-6, 16-17)
 - This is a picture of a SHALLOW and EMOTIONAL response to Christ where the Gospel never fully penetrates the heart. Then, when trouble comes, there is immediate rejection of the Gospel they claimed to have believed.
3. The Thorny Ground – These hear the word, but there are things in their lives that choke out the Word and prove it to be unfruitful. (v.7, 18-19)
 - The CARES of the world.
 - The DECEITFULNESS of riches.
 - The DESIRES for other things.
4. The Good Soil – Those who HEAR the Gospel, accept it and BEAR FRUIT. (v.8, 20)
 - The fruit produced is the fruit of the SPIRIT in the hearts and lives of those who have trusted in JESUS! *1 Corinthians 3:5-9; Galatians 5:22-23; Matthew 7:17-20; John 15:1-5*

Ask yourself... Which “SOIL” is your heart? How’s your “HEARING” lately?