

THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM

A Study of the Parable of Jesus

WHAT KIND OF HEART DO YOU HAVE?

Luke 8:4-15

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“The sower went out to sow his seed ...” Luke 8:5

The seed represents **the word of God.**

The sower represents **the one who sows the word of God.**

The soil represents **the hearts of people.**

1. Some people have a hard heart.

A. These people are hardened by sin.

But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Hebrews 3:13

B. These people are hardened by saying no to the Lord.

*Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts ...
Hebrews 3:15*

2. Some people have a shallow heart.

A. These people make an impulsive, emotional decision.

*Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. What is the first thing you will do? **Won't you sit down and figure out how much it will cost** and if you have enough money to pay for it? Luke 14:28 CEV*

B. These people wither in the face of pressure and persecution.

And the one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away. Matthew 13:2-21

3. Some people have a crowded heart.

- A. They are preoccupied with worldly stuff.
- B. They are deceived by earthly riches.
- C. They are sold out to temporary pleasures.

4. God wants you to have a responsive heart.

And the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance. Luke 8:15

- A. This heart is honest and good.
- B. This heart bears a great harvest.

By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. John 15:8

Today, would you open your heart to Him?