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## The good soil

*Matthew 13:23 "But the one who received the seed that fell on **good soil** is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."*

Ultimate mark of salvation is \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Growing in Christ-\_\_\_\_\_.

*Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

2. Fruit of \_\_\_\_\_—right living

*Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

3. New \_\_\_\_\_.

*John 15:16*

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## Parable of the Four Soils

### Sowing Seeds, Growing Gardens, part 1

Matthew 13

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### World's misery caused by:

- Satan.
- World's values
- Sin

*Isaiah 42:6 "I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.*

In the parable Jesus tells us several important bits of information:

- a. The farmer is you!
- b. The seed is God's word, the gospel.
- c. The soils represent four different kinds of lost people.
- d. The soils also represent four different kinds of responses to God's word.

### The path

*Luke 8:5 "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was*

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scattering the seed, some fell along **the path**; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up.”

Luke 8:12 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.

Matthew 13:18 "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along **the path**.”

## The rocks

Matthew 13:20 The one who received the seed that fell on **rocky places** is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.

Mark 1:15 “repent and believe the gospel.”

- a. Trouble
- b. Persecution

Luke 8:6 Some fell **on rock**, and when it came up, the plants

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withered because they had no moisture.

Ezekiel 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Luke 9:23 Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

## The thorns

Matthew 13:22 The one who received the seed that fell among the **thorns** is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful.

1 Timothy 6:9 People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> 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.

1 John 2:15 (RSV) Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

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