



Parable of the Sower

Soils

Parable

Explanation

Application

1. Path/Wayside

- Hard Clay, Seed cannot penetrate

- **Birds** Ate



- Satan takes back Word
- Hearer rejects Word with Hard Heart

- No Repentance
- Temptations
- “Wide Gate”

2. Stoney Ground

- Shallow soil, seed grows quickly, no root

- Immediately Springs Up but **Sun** Scorches



- Immediately receive with joy
- No root, endures for a while
- **Tribulation or Persecution** for Word’s sake, they stumble
- **Being ashamed** of Jesus for fear of being mocked or worse

- False Converts
- No true repentance
- Emotional, prosperity message, Wrong expectations of Following Christ

3. Among Thorns

- Hidden at first, chokes

- **Thorns** Grow & Choke



- **Cares of the World**
- **Deceitfulness of riches**
- Desire of the flesh
- No Fruit

- PRIDE
- Selfishness
- Trying to serve 2 masters

4. Good Soil

- Ploughed, deep, moist

- **High Yield Crop**



- Hear, Accept & Bear Fruit...30, 60 & 100 Fold

- Fully Surrendered
- Fruits–Soul Winning, Preaching the Gospel, Love, Joy, Service

• A sower sows seed; some falls on the **Path** (wayside), **Stony Ground** and among **Thorns**, and is lost, but when it falls on good soil it grows, yielding a great harvest of 30, 60 and 100 fold.

• **The main message** is **NOT** about the **Sower** (i.e. preacher style), or the **Seed** (i.e. intellectually or emotionally pleasing or prosperity ways of explaining the Word); but **is it about the SOILS** (the condition of the listener’s heart determines their response to the Word). 1