

ADDITIONAL NOTES:



[Luke8:1] After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, [2] and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; [3] Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

[4] While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: [5] "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. [6] Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. [7] Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. [8] Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."

When he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

[9] His disciples asked him what this parable meant. [10] He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,

"though seeing, they may not see;
though hearing, they may not understand." *

[11] "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God.

[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. [13] Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. [14] The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. [15] But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

The Secret

- The Knowledge
- Secrets of the Kingdom of God
- Given to _____

The SEED

- The seed is the _____ of GOD
- There is one seed that is intended to be planted in every life by God.
- This seeds has the potential to transform a person into a productive individual
- This seed gives the soul value and purpose
- What happens to the seed determines what happens to the person

The SOIL

- The soil is the _____ of the individual
- Everyone starts out with the same spiritual potential.
- There is a spiritual hole in the soul of every person that NEEDS to be filled.
- People pour all types of replacements into this hole but they all leak and are inadequate.

The PATH

- This is soil that has been trampled till it is _____.
- Any seed here has no chance to grow.
- It is always crushed or taken away
- This soul is hard, callous and angry.
- The only hope for this soul is a rotor tiller and a fence to protect the delicate seed of truth.

The ROCKS

- This soil is full of _____
- Seed sown here will not last long
- It shows potential but fades with problems
- The only hope for this soul is to begin to deal with the problems one at a time till they are all out of the way.

- Temporary JOY replaced with constant defeat
- The problem becomes the strength and protection of the crop that grows there.

The THORNS

- The soil has had the _____ crop planted in it
- Seed sown here is competing for light
- The worries of the world CHOKe their life
- They do not mature, never grow up, spoiled
- The longer the thorns grow the more difficult they become to deal with.
- They will eventually start to grow into other lives and cause them problems too.
- The only real solution is starting over.

The CROP

- Good soil is the only place you can grow a crop that produces a real, lasting harvest.
- This is about the heart of the person or who they are deep down inside.
- This requires three distinct actions
 1. _____ the WORD
 2. _____ the WORD
 3. _____ (more than an emotion response)

What it takes to PERSEVERE

PATH =
ROCKS=
THORNS=
CROP=

- Path must be _____ and _____
- Rocks must be _____ and _____
- Thorns must not be allowed to _____
- Crop is for _____ that is why there is so much of it.