

The Parable of the Sower



1. _____ Seed

15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

The problem with these hearers is that they didn't :

_____ (Matt 13)

There was a time in our society when even unsaved people had a basic understanding of the gospel, a simple presentation was enough. But in today's society, we see great challenges to a quick gospel presentation.

a. **The challenge of** _____
"The very idea of absolute truth is challenged"

b. **The challenge of** _____
Beliefs from diverse cultures and religions are seen in our city. How can you help the Hindu understand the gospel? How about a Muslim?

c. **The challenge of** _____
A generation being raised with no knowledge of Christianity or who Jesus is. You may have to learn to start from Genesis in giving the gospel!

To Reach Those On The Wayside

A. **We must have a Sincere** _____

B. **We must** _____ **the Bible**

C. **We must** _____ **them Boldly**

2. _____ Seed

16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

Unlike the stolen seed, these folks understood the gospel fully, and received it with gladness.

The shallow seed represents the _____ hearer.

The person who lives in their emotions has a shallow faith and will not be able to endure:

a. P _____.

b. A _____.

3. _____ Seed

18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,

19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

Unlike the Stolen Seed, this person understands the gospel clearly. Unlike the Shallow Seed, he has a strong root of faith. What is his problem? He has allowed other things to draw him away from Christ.

a. **The Cares of the World**

We have jobs, families and responsibilities outside the church, but these things should not become excuses for a lack of growth. (Luke 14)

b. The Deceitfulness of Riches

Believing it provides real _____.
“You deserve it” “Treat yourself right”

Believing it provides real _____.
“I just want to work more so I can save for my retirement”

Believing it provides real _____.
“If we just made a little more”

c. The Lusts of Other Things

Unlike the “cares of the world”, which are valid responsibilities. These are the impure things of the world. These are sins of the flesh, that we lust after.

We allow them into our lives and they choke the word. They prevent us from growing spiritually.

4. The Successful Seed

20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

The Christian who grows, is one who

- a. _____ firmly on the Word of God, by faith
Not a shallow, emotional faith. (2 Pet 1:19)
- b. **Spends** time _____ the Bible
Desiring to grow more like Christ (Acts 17:11, 2Tim 2:15)
- c. **Surrounds** himself with the _____ of other Christians.
By Godly fellowship, Grow Groups (Heb 3:13)
- d. _____ himself from the world.
2 Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord...