Parable of The Sower

Introduction: Scriptures—**Luke 8.4-15; Matthew 13.3-23**. One of the best known and easiest to understand of the Parables. One of the things about parables is they allow us to draw the picture in our mind. Important to understand the primary meaning of the parable and not over analysis it

**I) Why Did Jesus Teach In Parables? Matthew 13.10**

**A) Answer in verses 11ff.**

**B) Often people see and hear what they want.**

1. People can see exactly the same thing and interpret it differently.

a. Political speech, painting, poem, etc.

b. People can hear the same Gospel sermon and walk away with different responses.

2. Why? Their attitude and their heart may be different.

**II) The Seed**

**A) Fundamental to this parable.**

1. Without seed nothings grows. The heart will be unresponsive because there is nothing to penetrate it.

2. Without the word of God man cannot be saved. **Romans 1.16**.

a. The word of salvation, **Acts 13.26**.

b. Gospel of salvation, **Ephesians 1.3**.

**B) The helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God, Ephesians 6.17.**

**III) The Sower**

**A) Not much is said about the sower because he is not the seed or the soil**

1. His job is to scatter the seed. Not much of a sower if he does not sow.

2. His job was to scatter and not be a soil inspector or tester. He was not to judge the soil and who will and will not obey.

**B) Any Sower must be careful of selective sowing.**

1. We know that some will and some will not obey the Gospel but we can’t tell which is which, **1 Timothy 1.8-11**.

2. The Gospel is for bad people, **Romans 1 and 2.**

**C) Our job as the sower is to get the seed out of the barn; out of the church building**

**IV) The Soils (4 different types of hearts and 4 different reactions to the Gospel)**

**A) Wayside soil, v. 4 explained in v. 19**

1. Satan has a hold of this person and they have no place for the Gospel.

2. Worldly people who will listen and worldly people who will not listen.

3. Even God’s word will not penetrate the heart of a wicked person.

4. Remember, not our place to judge who will and won’t obey.

**B) Stony places, v. 5 explained in verses 20-21.**

1. The stony person receives the word of God and accepts it.

2. We may think- great a good and receptive heart.

3. But they have no depth of soil and after a little while they quit.

4. Some people will accept the Gospel and then grow tired of the Gospel.

5. Sometimes a person who questions and slow to obey is better off because they have depth of soil. They are convicted and converted.

**C) Thorny soil, v. 7 explained in verse 22**

1. They accept the word of God but the “cares and riches” of this world chokes out the word.

2. Gardens with good seed will be unproductive if one allows weeds to take over.

3. “Cares and richdes” could be sinful things, but it could be just other things—family, jobs, recreation, etc.

**D) Good soil, v. 8 explained in verse 23.**

1. Fruit bearing is important, **John 15.8.**

2. Fruit bearing is growing as a Christian and not being stagnate, **1 Cor. 3.1-3; Hebrews 5.12-14.**

Conclusion: What type of person are you? That is determined with what you do with the seed. What type of sower are you? That is determined with what you do with the seed.