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## Parable of the Soil vs Spiritual Growth

<b>Soil</b> (Luke 8:11-15 NKJV)	<b>Spiritual Growth</b> (Introduction to Psychology & Counseling) <sup>1</sup>
<p>1) <b>Wayside</b>: The devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.</p> <p>2) <b>Rocky</b>: Receive the word with joy; and they have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.</p> <p>3) <b>Thorny</b>: When they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring forth no fruit to maturity.</p> <p>4) <b>Good</b>: Those who having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.</p>	<p>1) <b>Birth</b>: Salvation or spiritual birth. There is a distinctive and sometimes dramatic change in direction at this point: 'all things become new.'</p> <p>2) <b>Childhood</b>: Marked by both security and immaturity.</p> <p>3) <b>Adolescence</b>: Marked by uncertainty and conflict.</p> <p>4) <b>Adulthood</b>: Surrender to Christ, producing a mature faith marked by abundance, service, and affirmation.</p>

### Key points to this T-Time:

- While we only did the items in bold during group study, the explanations of each are included to help capture some of the discussions surrounding the T.
- Seeing the correlation between these two helps us to understand where we are in our spiritual development as well as what our stumbling blocks are to getting to the next level of growth.

<sup>1</sup> Paul D Meier, M.D et. al, *Introduction to Psychology and Counseling: Christian Perspectives and Applications*, 2nd ed. (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1982, 1981), 256-257