

Sitting at the Feet of Jesus

Ears to Hear and Good Soil
Luke 8:1-18

Luke 8:1-3

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

Luke 8:4-8

While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, Jesus told the parable:

“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 ate it up.

Some fell on rocky ground and when it came up the plants withered because they had no moisture.”

**“Other seed fell among the thorns,
which grew up with it and choked the
plants.”**

**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
“Whoever has ears to hear, let them
hear.”**

Luke 8:11-15

“This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. 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.

Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for awhile but in the time of testing they fall away.”

“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.

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.”

**1. The seed that falls
on the path that gets
snatched up by
Satan.**

1 Peter 5:8

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

2. The seed on the rocky ground that doesn't take root.



Colossians 2:6-7

Therefore, as you received
Christ Jesus the Lord, so
walk with him, rooted and
built up in Him and
established in the faith,
just as you were taught,
abounding in thanksgiving.

**3. Seed that falls
among the weeds**

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world - the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life - is not from the Father but is from the world.

And the world is asking away along with its desires but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

**4. Seeds that fall on
Good Soil.**

What soil are we?

Luke 8:16-18

No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light. For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open.

Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them.

We aren't just the Soil.

**Once we start
following Jesus, we
also become the
Farmer with the sack
of seed.**

1. Fear from Intimidation or Inferiority

Psalm 118:6

**The Lord is on my
side, and I am not
afraid of what others
can do to me.**

2. Observation or Judgement

Ecclesiastes 11:6

**Whoever watches the
wind will not plant;
whoever looks at the
clouds will not reap.**

3. Discouragement

1. What Soil are we?

**2. Are we being good
farmers / stewards of
God's word?**

