



The Parable of the **SOWER**

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1 “That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

Matthew 13:1-23 NIV

7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.
8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a
hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 Whoever has ears, let
them hear.” 10 The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you
speak to the people in parables?” 11 He replied, “Because the
knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to
you, but not to them. 12 Whoever has will be given more, and they will
have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will
be taken from them.

Matthew 13:1-23 NIV

13 This is why I speak to them in parables:

“Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. 14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: “ ‘You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. 15 For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.’

Matthew 13:1-23 NIV

16 But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. 17 For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

18 “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

Matthew 13:1-23 NIV

20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. 22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. 23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.””

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INTRODUCTION

OUR VISION:

To raise up anointed disciple-makers who are empowered to change their world for Christ.



**2021 IS OUR
YEAR OF
KINGDOM ADVANCEMENT**

Luke 12:32 (NIV)

³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

Matthew 13:10a (NIV)

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Matthew 13:1-3 (NIV)

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2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 **Then he told them many things in parables**, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed.

Matthew 13:10 (NIV)

22 Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. 23 All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" 24 But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "**It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons.**"

Matthew 12:27–28 (NIV)

27 And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. 28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Matthew 12:31–32 (NIV)

31 And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

Matthew 13:19 (NIV)

19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in **their heart**. This is the seed sown along the path.

Matthew 13:19 (ESV)

19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.

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1. FOOTPATH SOIL
HARDENED HEART

Matthew 13:4 (NIV)

4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

Matthew 13:4 (NLT)

4 As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them.

Matthew 13:18-19 (NIV)

18 “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT)

4 Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

Matthew 13:15a (NIV)

15 For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes...

Hebrews 3:12–13 (NIV)

12 See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. 13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

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2. ROCKY SOIL
SHALLOW HEART

Matthew 13:5-6 (NIV)

5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

Matthew 13:20-21 (NIV)

20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 **But since they have no root, they last only a short time.** When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

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3. THORNY SOIL
WORLDLY HEART

Matthew 13:7 (NIV)

7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.

Matthew 13:22 (NIV)

22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

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4. GOOD SOIL
YIELDED HEART

Matthew 13:8 (NIV)

8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Matthew 13:23 (NIV)

23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

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A. KEEP SHARING
THE KINGDOM MESSAGE
EVERYWHERE

Matthew 13:4 (NIV)

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B. KEEP SEEKING
FOR MORE REVELATION OF
THE KINGDOM MESSAGE

Matthew 13:11-12 (NIV)

11 He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. 12 Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.

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C. KEEP TURNING
TO GOD TO HEAL YOUR HEART
IF YOU SENSE ANY HARDNESS

Matthew 13:13-15 (NIV)

13 This is why I speak to them in parables: “Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. 14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: “ ‘You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. 15 For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, **understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.**’

Ezekiel 36:26 (NIV)

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

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**D. KEEP BEING
GRATEFUL
THAT YOU CAN UNDERSTAND
THE MESSAGE OF THE KINGDOM**

Matthew 13:16-17 (NIV)

16 But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. 17 For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

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**E. KEEP ABIDING
IN CHRIST
TO BEAR MUCH FRUIT**

John 15:4–5 (NIV)

4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. **If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;** apart from me you can do nothing.

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CONCLUSION

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.



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