

"The Sower, the Seed, the Soil and Saved Souls"

Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23

1. The Indifferent Heart

Matthew 13:3b,4 "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up."

Acts 24:22 Then Felix, who was well acquainted with the Way, adjourned the proceedings.

2. The Impulsive Heart

Matthew 13:5-6 "Some fell on rocky places where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root."

Matthew 13:20,21 "The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time."

Matthew 5:45b "He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

2 Timothy 3:12 "In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."

3. The Impure Heart

Matthew 13:7 "Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants."

Matthew 13:22 "The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful."

Romans 6:2b "We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?"

1 John 2:15,16 "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world- the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes, and the boasting of

what he has and does- comes not from the Father but from the world.”

James 4:4 “You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world is hatred towards God?”

4. The _____ Heart

Matthew 13:23 “But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown.”