

Parable of the Sower

Luke 8:4-15 *“The Parable of the Sower”*

And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

9And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’

11Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

Parable: a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

WHY *am I not doing the things that are clear, the simple things that I know in my heart are the right and pleasing to the Lord?*

1. We must be careful to not believe the lies of our enemy, Satan
2. Careful to not just respond quickly to what we hear, believe for a while and then when we are tested, shrink back
3. We are alerted to the danger of the “cares, riches, pleasures” of this life
4. We have a responsibility to guard and cultivate the ‘soil’ of our heart

... I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. – Romans 7:19

Why do I let ANYTHING keep me from doing the things I know to do, the things I want to do for His glory?

What is the reward that would be enough for you to do the things that God says is essential for Metro Life Church to be healthy?

Everyone serving ... everyone living for the glory of God

The “good soil” is:

Holding fast to the Word of God

Being honest with ourselves, God and others

Giving ourselves to good deeds

Bearing “fruit with patience”