

Kingdom Secrets

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THE PARABLE



OF THE SOWER



OR THE PARABLE OF THE FOUR TYPES OF SOIL

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Luke 8:4–8 (ESV)

⁴ And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable,
⁵ “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. ⁶ And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.

⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸ 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.”

The parable of the sower gives insight about Kingdom Secrets and relationships in the world.

Luke 8:9–11 (ESV)

⁹ And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰ 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.’ ¹¹ Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God.**

The WORD of God goes out into the world and this is what happens when people hear. The people are represented by the different types of soil. The Word is the same, but the soils are different. Jesus explains the parable to us.

First we see the WORD sown along the hard path.

Luke 8:12 (ESV)

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.**

The people hear, but the devil takes away the WORD from their heart and they do not believe. Now we see the WORD sown on rocky ground.

Luke 8:13 (ESV)

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**.

These people hear and are excited, but the WORD doesn't take root and they turn away when any pressure comes to them because of the WORD. Now we see the WORD sown among the thorns.

Luke 8:14 (ESV)

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**.

These people hear and the WORD takes root, but all the things of life even good things come and choke out the WORD so they never mature. Now we see the WORD sown in the good soil.

Luke 8:15 (ESV)

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**.

The people hear the WORD and it takes root and goes deep and receives nourishment producing a crop. The good soil bears fruit! **These people are like shining a lamp in a dark place.**

Luke 8:16 (ESV) O/H

No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light.

Kingdom Secret: The people who hear the WORD are given light. To them comes clear responsibility!

Luke 8:18 (ESV) O/H

Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away.

The more you hear, the more light you have, and the more responsibilities you have. The more light you have, the more light you will be given. However a warning, if you do not respond to the light you have, what you have will be taken away.

As Christians we understand this is not losing our salvation, which is eternally secure when we accept Jesus as our Savior. However, this is clearly warning us about losing understanding, earthly benefits, and eternal rewards.

Continuing this thought, Jesus reveals the Kingdom Secret of our eternal family!

Luke 8:19–20 (ESV)

¹⁹ Then Jesus' mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. ²⁰ And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you."

NOW look at how Jesus answered the people who said HIS family wanted to see HIM.

Luke 8:21 (ESV) O/H

But Jesus answered them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

Secret of the Kingdom, our sole purpose here on earth and for all eternity is to have a relationship with Jesus! This is why Jesus came and paid the penalty for our sins by dying in our place.

God sacrificed everything so that we may have a relationship with HIM.

John 3:16 (ESV) O/H

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.