

“THE SECRET OF A FAITH FILLED LIFE” – PART 2

SERIES: JESUS KINGDOM PARABLES (2)

MATTHEW 13:1-9; 16-23 THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

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Introduction

Jesus was sensational and large crowds followed Him. Jesus knew however that most would never enter the Kingdom of God, and told a parable that addressed the very core of man’s heart.

Three takeaways from the parable:

1. **Our P..... R.....**

All of us are to s..... s..... no matter the circumstances

Acts 18:9-10

John Calvin: The offer of the Gospel

John 3:8

2. **Our P..... R..... to the Word**

People react in different ways to the Gospel.

v19

3. **The P..... R..... of Scripture: a great responsibility!**

2 Timothy 2:15 “Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that does not need to be ashamed, rightly handling the Word of truth.”

Why is this parable so important?

Four words to remember:

1. P.....:

The Gospel not only changes our eternal destiny, but also our

2. P.....:

not everyone who professes Christ is

There will be people who have the of being saved,
but are not.

A person's disinterest doesn't mean they will always be

3. P.....:

we should never try and judge who and saved.

4. P.....:

This parable isn't just about people who need to respond to the Gospel,
but also addresses

As the Word comes to you, how do you

The vital signs of life

The Parable of the Sower is about four heart responses to the Word.
In verses 18-24 we are told:

- The seed represents the
- The sower is the
- The soil is the

There is only one variable that determines the crop / fruit: the

Why does Jesus compare the seed to the Word of God?

- Luke 8:11
- Hebrews 4:12 “The Word is living and powerful”
- 1 Peter 1:23 “For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.”

Four kinds of heart

1. The heart (v3-5; 18-19)

2 Corinthians 4:4 “The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

Soft soil hearers:

2. The heart (v5-6; 20-21)

“Such folks were never deeply convinced of sin, nor felt their need of Christ And they renounce their professions as quickly as they took them up.” -- Charles Simeon

Deep soil hearers:

3. The heart (v7;22)

4. The Heart (v8;23)

This soil:

* the Word

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Application

1. Do you have of faith?

2 Corinthians 13:5

2. Are you an or of the Word?