

Productive or Unproductive?

“The Parable of the Sower”

Matthew 13:3-9, 13, 18-23

(Mark 4:1-20 & Luke 8:4-15)

A common story about growing crops

Matt 13:3-9; Mark 4:3-8; Luke 8:5-8

It is not enough to hear, we must understand

Matt 13:13; Mark 4:12; Luke 8:10

The meaning of the parable:

The seed is the message of the kingdom/the _____ of God

The soils are people who hear the message

The message is the gospel that God sent His Son to deliver us from our guilt and eternal punishment John 3:16, 36; 14:6; 20:30-31; Acts 16:31

The path = those who hear but do not understand

The rocky places = those who hear and receive but have no depth

The thorny soil = those who hear but the plant is choked by worries

The good soil = those who hear, understand and are productive

Rom 7:4; Gal 5:22f; Eph 4:11-13; Tit 3:8; Col 1:9b-10; Eph 2:8-10; 2 Pet 1:5-8