

Gospel Lighthouse Church
9/15/24
Radical Renewal of the Mind #9
Relationship Discipleship
Word Accountability

Text: Ro.12:1-2; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

Introduction: We can hear the word of God, but what determines the effect it has on our lives? Jesus answered this question in the Parable of the Sower. His explanation of the parable points out; the *seed* (word of God) is not the key to fruitfulness but the **soil** (type of heart receiving). Matthew 13

Seed/word of God		Soil-type of listener	Brief summary and results
Path/wayside V4	Trampled Birds ate	Influenced by the ways and philosophy of the world	Taken away (Didn't understand) V19. Without application heart-soil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stealing happens due to inactivity of application Stealing is a process—sown (pf. tense: the effects of word last awhile).
Rocky/stony places—vv5-6	Withered No Moisture Lk.8:6	Religiously shallow	Believed immediately- received with joy and immediately falls away after testing/persecutions for <u>believing the word</u> . (Not deeply rooted)—vv20-21. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary/short-term.
Thorns—v7	Choked	Distracted Christians	Worries, riches, Lusts—v22; Lk.8:14. The worries, luring after riches and pleasures in life can drain the Christian life right out of us, leaving us drained, incapable of producing mature fruit.
Good Soil—v8	Yielded Producing abundance	Spiritual Believers	Noble & Good heart –v23. Retained Produced through Perseverance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serious and stable for the long term.

Note: Weeds grow up over night. But fruit-producing plants take time. Persevere with God's help and produce mature fruit to His glory and honor.

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