

# Seed Series

Part 5

## The Sower and Seeds



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*So we know:*

-KEY 1 | Source of Life | **The Trinity**

-Galatians 6:7-9

-KEY 2 | **Sow means let go**

*Like Jesus | **He is the Seed** that is the  
**premise** of all our sowing.*

-John 12:23-26

-KEY #3 | **Successful sowing | LOVE**

Love God & Love others

-Steven | **Jesus our eternal and  
great REWARD**



*What seeds we sow...*





*What seeds we receive...*



*Where does the seeds fall?*



# 1. Parable of the Sower:

*Let's Chat...*



Are we producing fruit?

Are we producing Kingdom fruit?

Are we producing Holy Spirit fruit?

## **Context:**

Matthew 13:1–23; Mark 4:1–20; Luke 8:4–15

The parable | Why Jesus uses parables | Explanation

We are to bear fruit and see the Kingdom advance



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Similar Structures:

**1. The parable | 2. Why Jesus uses parables | 3. Explanation**

And in all three accounts:

- 1. Path**
- 2. Rocky**
- 3. Thorns**
- 4. Good Ground**



Path



Stoney Ground



Thorny Ground



Good Soil

## Scripture Reading:

### **Matthew 13:1-23 HCSB The Parable of the Sower**

1 On that day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea. 2 Such large crowds gathered around Him that He got into a boat and sat down, while the whole crowd stood on the shore. 3 Then He told them many things in parables, saying: “Consider the sower who went out to sow. 4 As he was sowing, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Others fell on rocky ground, where there wasn’t much soil, and they sprang up quickly since the soil wasn’t deep. 6 But when the sun came up they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered. 7 Others fell among thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them.





8 Still others fell on good ground and produced a crop: some 100, some 60, and some 30 times what was sown. 9 Anyone who has ears should listen!”



## **Why Jesus Used Parables**

10 Then the disciples came up and asked Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” 11 He answered them, “Because the secrets of the kingdom of heaven have been given for you to know, but it has not been given to them. 12 For whoever has, more will be given to him, and he will have more than enough. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 13 For this reason I speak to them in parables, because looking they do not see, and hearing they do not listen or understand. 14 Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: You will listen and listen, yet never

understand; and you will look and look, yet never perceive. 15 For this people's heart has grown callous; their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; otherwise they might see with their eyes and hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn back— and I would cure them. 16 “But your eyes are blessed because they do see, and your ears because they do hear! 17 For I assure you: Many prophets and righteous people longed to see the things you see yet didn't see them; to hear the things you hear yet didn't hear them.



### **The Parable of the Sower Explained**

18 “You, then, listen to the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word about the kingdom and doesn't understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was

sown in his heart. This is the one sown along the path. 20 And the one sown on rocky ground—this is one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy. 21 Yet he has no root in himself, but is short-lived. When pressure or persecution comes because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 Now the one sown among the thorns—this is one who hears the word, but the worries of this age and the seduction of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. 23 But the one sown on the good ground—this is one who hears and understands the word, who does bear fruit and yields: some 100, some 60, some 30 times what was sown.”





### 3. Why Parables?

#### **We now know:**

*A parable is a teaching method using the familiar to illustrate unfamiliar concepts. It is a story or saying that demonstrates a truth using comparison, hyperbole, or simile. The word 'parable' comes from a Greek word that means to put things side by side. In Greek rhetoric, people used them for argumentation, clarification, or to prove something.*



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***Matthew 13:15 (NLT)*** *For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes— so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.'*



## 1.1 The Heart:

**Kardia** Greek

- the thought, feelings, mind *Strong's def*
- the heart is that part of us where our emotions and desires dwell

**Bible:** It says the human struggle/battle happens within a single entity, the human heart.

- the great battle is deciding to what your heart's greatest love, hope and trust will be directed.



*Earlier this year...*



*The heart is used as a metaphor for the seat of our most basic orientation, our deepest commitments — what we trust, most love and hope in, what we most treasure, what captures our imagination.*



***We want to see, hear and be blessed!***

*- Spiritually see, Live by the Spirit, Humility, Hearts soft, Hearts open, Hearts focussed, surrendered and our Will and Decisions*

## 4. The Seed of the Sower:



The sower is God

The seed is: His Word and message of God

**“When anyone hears the word about the kingdom” v19**

The seeds

Where lies the problems and discrepancies?

*Hearts are important*

## *Bringing it home -*

### **The Parable: Matthew 13:1**



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... We continue next week, looking at the four different soils and seedbeds

# Prayer



*See you next week*

