

Listening to Jesus teach
The parables of Matthew

Soils samples of the heart
Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

Introduction:

Teacher I have a question:

- Why doesn't everyone who hears believe on Jesus?
- Why do some profess to believe and later turn away?
- Why do some Christians seem to fizzle?

- 1) The seed that is sown it is the word of God
 - a) The seed is **wonderful** (1 Peter 1:23)
 - i) John 6:63 The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.
 - b) The seed is **powerful** (Hebrews 4:12)
 - c) The seed is **fruitful**
- 2) The sower that plants is the Son of God (13:37)
 - a) He does it **personally, patiently, plentifully, passionately**
- 3) The soil that receives the seed is the heart of man
 - a) This story gives a description of the hearts of **unconverted** people
 - i) Like **hardened** soil
 - ii) Like **shallow** soil
 - iii) Like **thorny** soil
 - iv) Like **fertile** soil
 - b) This story gives a prescription for the heart of the **unconcerned** believer
 - i) Has your heart been **pounded** into hardness?
 - ii) Has your heart become shallow because of **laziness**? – 2 Peter 1:5-8
 - iii) Has your heart been distracted by life's **worries** or it **wealth**? -
 - iv) Has the seed become fruitless because of loss of **focus** – John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

ATTENTION: on 2a leave the put the blank there to finish the word on each one.