

"A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.



19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart.



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Even hard soil can be tilled

5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.



20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.



Rocky ground represents someone who is open to the gospel but isn't deeply rooted in their faith



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Don't underestimate the power of being deeply connected to God

7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.





22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.



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Thorns can be weeded out.
What is distracting you from pursuing Jesus

8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear."



23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."



The good soil is the person who heard, understands and puts into practice the word of God



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Even good soil can become unproductive if nutrients are not regularly added

Seed doesn't grow unless it is planted

Will you sow the seed of the gospel?