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FOUR KINDS OF HEARTS

I. JESUS SPOKE SO "ALL" COULD UNDERSTAND!
1. Wayside: Roadside or trailside. Compacted. Seed exposed to birds.
3. Thorny-ground: Corners & fencerows. Cluttered area. Competition!
4. Good-ground: Fertile, cultivated, soft, warm and productive.

II. WHY JESUS SPEAK IN LITTLE STORIES: PARABLES?
A. He gives two good reasons:
1. The sincere will understand, and if not they will ask. 13:10, 11, 16.
3. Parables a snare and trap for the high and the mighty. I Cor. 1:26.

III. JESUS EXPLAINS THE PARABLE.
A. Sower is the Son of God. John 6:38. 18:37
B. Seed is the Gospel. Romans 1:16-17.
C. Soils represent 4 kinds of human hearts.
1. WAYSIDE: Closed heart (compacted).
   Good horse-sense kind of folks.
   Genuine, sincere and receptive to right.
   Exposed to same seed.
   Experienced same weather conditions.
   Key was the state of the soil!!!!

Note: Exposed to same seed.

11:08 IV. JESUS' MESSAGE TO YOU TODAY!!

A. Wayside listeners: Why come today?
   Please wife, muffle kids, infL customers...
   Will hear. That's all. Nothing will soak in. Devil clear your heart before you make the parking lot. Lost. A.4:12
   Not necessary!!!

B. Rocky-soil listeners.
   Attend with good-intentions. Sounds great.
   Want the blessings---but---don't want too much involvement. BS, SE, MWS.

C. Thorny-soil listener. Mind is a litter-bag. Picks up everything that comes along: Catches too much!!!
   Cares of world & deceitfulness of riches chokes out fires of love to God.

INV. GOOD SOIL LISTENERS ILLUSTRATED.

1. Ill. (Joe Coulton.) Hungry for truth.
   Listened to all kinds of radio programs.
   Checked all by Bible!!! Came to us. Baptized.

2. Good-soil teachers listen. Think not worth much. Ill. Sower never knows how well he is doing at sowing-time! "Old Thomas" died.
   Two at his Funeral. (He had outlived all his contemporaries.) H. L. Gee was one! Other a man in a rain-coat. After burial the two had coffee together. Stranger took his coat off. Was British Brigadier-general. He said, "Old Thomas was my Bible School teacher. He never knew the impact he had on my life. The least I could do was pay my last respects at his grave." Good soil!!!!

Request: Examine your heart. Good, warm, fertile soil for the gospel?? Obey gospel NOW. If been wayside, rocky, stony: Come back!!