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FOUR KINDS OF HEARTS

* Matt. 13:1-9.

10:45 **INT:** Jesus: World's most versatile & effective teacher of all times. (Content, meth., tech.) Started in Synagogues. These closed by Jews. Continued in school of God's outdoors: Streets, houses, well at Sychar and seaside **classes**; like on shores of Galilee. Boat. *** Influenced world for good more than all else!**

10:48 I. JESUS SPOKE SO "ALL" COULD UNDERSTAND!

- 3-24-72---
visit!!!
- A. **FARMER:** went forth to sow. Lived in city. Walked or rode donkey to fields. *hard sowing*
B. **FARM LAND:** Four kinds of terrain. *Valley of Jezreel.*
1. **Wayside:** Roadside or trailside. Compacted. Seed exposed to birds.
 2. **Stony-ground:** Boulders just under surface. Shallow. Seed at mercy of burning sun.
 3. **Thorny-ground:** Corners & fencerows. Cluttered area. Competition!
 4. **Good-ground:** Fertile, cultivated, soft, warm and productive.

10:52 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.
 2. The insincere are haughty, prejudiced, hyper-intellectual & hard-headed. 13:13-15. A test of the heart!!!
 3. Parables a snare and trap for the high and the mighty. I Cor. 1:26.

10:58 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). *Forget!* Doesn't understand; doesn't ask! IP.5:8 Mark 16:15-16.*
 2. **STONY-SOIL:** Shallow-minded people. Exposed, understand, rejoice THEN... no depth or root! Easily embarrassed, & offended by trials and persecution. Acts 2:38* *Repent & timidity.*
 3. **Thorny-soil:** One-foot-in-the door Christian! Cares of world and deceitfulness of riches makes him forget Matt. 16:24-26* Matt. 6:33.

4. GOOD-SOIL: Simple people. Good.
Good horse-sense kind of folks.
Genuine, sincere and receptive to right

Note: Exposed to same seed.
Experienced same weather conditions
Key was the state of the soil!!!

11:08

IV. JESUS' MESSAGE TO YOU TODAY!!

A. Wayside listeners: Why come today?
Please wife, muffle kids, infl. customers.
1. 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.
Shallow and GONE with first trials.
Not necessary! Can Rom. 12:1-2.

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.

POOR FAITH.

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!!!