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# ***STRENGTH SERMONS***



# **“How Do You Hear?”**



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**What is the  
Point?**

- 4 When a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, **He spoke by way of a parable**: 5 "The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the **road**, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up. 6 Other seed fell on **rocky soil**, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. 7 Other seed fell among the **thorns**; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out. 8 Other seed fell into the **good soil**, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great." As He said these things, He would call out, **"He who has ears to hear, let him hear."**

- Luke 8:4-8 (NASB)



**PARABLE**

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- **ROAD: Turn Away**
- **ROCKY: Temporary**
- **THORNES: Treasure**



**PURPOSE**



- 15 But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance. Luke 8:15 (NASB)
- **GOOD SOIL:**
  - **Honest & Good Heart** – **Open, pure motive**
  - **Holds on to the Word** – **Believes, accepts**
  - **Bears Fruit** – **Lives it, produces good**
  - **Perseverance** – **Doesn't quit**



**PURPOSE**

- 19 And His mother and brothers came to Him, and they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd. 20 And it was reported to Him, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wishing to see You." 21 But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."
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**PROBLEM**

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**POINT?**

**PARABLES HIDE TRUTH FROM POOR SOILS  
TRUTH WAS NOT MEANT TO BE HIDDEN**

**JESUS REVEALED TRUTH TO APOSTLES SO  
THEY COULD REVEAL TRUTH TO OTHERS**

**IF THEY DO NOT USE THEIR OPPORTUNITY  
THEY WILL LOSE THEIR OPPORTUNITY**

**“SO BE CAREFUL HOW YOU LISTEN”**





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# SURVEYING THE SOILS

- **PARENT SOIL**
- **PASTOR SOIL**
- **PEER-PRESSURE SOIL**
- **PRECONCEIVED SOIL**
- **POOR MOTIVE SOIL**
- **PROBLEM SOIL**
- **PLEASURE SOIL**
- **PURE SOIL**
- **WHICH AM I?**



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