

Great Stories of Jesus

When Jesus said this, he called out, 'He who has ears, let him hear!' Luke 8:8

Jesus said, 'In this story, God is the farmer and the seed is the Word of God (what God wants to say to you), and the soil is your mind.'

Four Things You Must Do In Order To Hear God Speak

Cultivate An Open Mind

V. 5: Some seed fell along the path and it was trampled and the birds ate it up. [

[The meaning]

V. 12: Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes along and takes away the word from their hearts, so they cannot believe and be saved. Luke 8:5 & 12

The Hardened Path = A Closed Mind

What Causes this?

Life will either make you bitter or life will make you better.

Get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, and humbly accept the Word planted in you, which can save you. James 1:21

Allocate Time To Listen

V. 8: Other seed fell on shallow soil with rock beneath. This seed began to grow but soon withered and died for lack of moisture.

[The meaning]

V. 13: Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in time of testing they fall away. Luke 8:8 & 13

The Superficial Soil = A Superficial Mind

Eliminate Distractions

V. 7 Other seed fell among thorns [weeds] which grew up with it and choked the plants.

[The meaning]

V. 14 The seed that fell among the thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by life's worries, riches, and pleasures and they don't mature.

Luke 8:7 & 14

The Soil with Weeds = A Preoccupied Mind

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22

You can be on the go while you're only going in circles

Common Weeds

Life's _____

Life's _____

Life's _____

Even Good Things Can Keep You From Hearing From God

What's the Weed in My Life?

A weed is anything that I let rob my time with God

Cooperate With What God Says

God speaks to the person who decides in advance
to do what He says

V. 15 Jesus said, 'The seed on the good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it and by persevering produce a crop.'

The Good Seed = A Willing Mind

Do not merely listen to the word, and deceive yourselves. Do what it says! James 1:22