

The Parable of the Sower

Sunday, September 18, 2022 @ 10:30am

Why can some people understand Parables while others cannot? (Matthew 13:10-17)

In the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9), identify the Sower, the Seed, the Soil.

The **Sower** is _____

The **Seed** is _____

The **Soil** is _____

Four types of **Soils** (hearts) in the Parable

1. **Hard Soil**. This Seed is cast onto the side of the road onto hard soil.
This Soil represents hearts that are **'far away'** from God, not open.
2. **Rocky Soil**. This Seed is cast onto rocky and shallow soil.
This Soil represents hearts that are on the **'fringe'** from God, not committing.
3. **Thorny Soil**. This Seed is cast onto soil that contains thorns.
This Soil represents hearts that are **'fans'** of God but are worldly.
4. **Good Soil**. This Seed is cast onto fertile soil ideal for growth.
This Soil represents hearts that are **'followers'** of God, open to His Lordship.

According to **John 12:24-25**, what happens to a Seed in fertile Soil? Why?

What does **Galatians 2:20** help me to understand? How can I apply this verse?