

While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, He told this parable.

Luke 8:4 (NIV)

The Farmer =

The Seed =

The Soil =

"This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God." Luke 8:11 (NIV) $\,$

Cultivate An _____

"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up." Luke 8:5 (NIV)

"Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved."

Luke 8:12 (NIV)

Therefore, 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 (NIV)

Causes of the hardened heart:

1. Sinful _____

2. Evil _____

3. Personal _____

Dedicate Time To _____

"Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture."

Luke 8:6 (NIV)

"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 the time of testing they fall away."

Luke 8:13 (NIV)

Eliminate _____

Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants.

Luke 8:7 (NIV)

The seed that fell among 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 do not mature.

Luke 8:14 (NIV)

Three types of Weeds:

1. R_____ 2. W_____ 3. P_____

Live The _____

"Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When He said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Luke 8:8 (NIV)

"But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop."

Luke 8:15 (NIV)

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. James 1:22 (NIV)