

# Heart Composition

# Introduction

- Exodus 4:21
- <sup>21</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “When you go back to Egypt see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders which I have put in your power; but I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go.
- (7:3; 9:12; 10:1,20,27; 11:10; 14:4,8)

# Introduction

- Parable of the Sower
  - Beside the road
  - Rocky soil
  - Thorns
  - Good soil
- Compare the soil composition to our heart composition

# Beside the Road

- Luke 8:12
- <sup>12</sup> Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved.

# Beside the Road

- 1 Peter 5:8-9
- <sup>8</sup> Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> But resist him, firm in *your* faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

# Beside the Road

- Psalm 57:7
- <sup>7</sup> My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;  
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!
- Psalm 10:17a
- <sup>17</sup> O LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble;  
You will strengthen their heart

# Rocky Soil

- Luke 8:13
- <sup>13</sup> Those on the *rocky soil are* those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no *firm* root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.

# Rocky Soil

- 1 Corinthians 10:12-13
- <sup>12</sup> Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.



# Rocky Soil

- James 1:13-15
- <sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. <sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. <sup>15</sup> Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

# Thorns

- Luke 8:14
- <sup>14</sup> The *seed* which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

# Thorns

- 2 Thessalonians 3:10
- <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.

# Thorns

- Mark 10:21-22
- <sup>21</sup> Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, “One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” <sup>22</sup> But at these words he was saddened, and he went away grieving, for he was one who owned much property.

# Thorns

- Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
- <sup>13</sup> The conclusion, when all has been heard, *is*: fear God and keep His commandments, because this *applies to every* person. <sup>14</sup> For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

# Good Soil

- Luke 8:15
- <sup>15</sup> 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.

# Good Soil

- Acts 8:35-37
- <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. <sup>36</sup> As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>37</sup> [And Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”]

# Good Soil

- Luke 22:33-34
- <sup>33</sup> But he said to Him, “Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!” <sup>34</sup> And He said, “I say to you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me.”



# Good Soil

- Luke 22:60-62
- <sup>60</sup> But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup> The Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, “Before a rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times.” <sup>62</sup> And he went out and wept bitterly.

# Bonus Point

- Luke 8:11
- <sup>11</sup> Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God.
- Don't waste good soil