

Good Dirt

Have you ever planted anything?

Perhaps a few flower seeds, or a handful of carrot seeds, or even a tree seed? Seeds don't just sprout and grow by themselves – they need water and light. They need care to survive and flourish.



The Lord Jesus Christ once told a story about planting seeds. Here's what He said...



"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil.

It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

– Matthew 13: 3-8

Birds, rocks, scorching sun, and thorns – it's a wonder seeds can grow at all! But some do, and that is what Jesus wants us to know.

Why did the Lord talk about seeds? He wanted us to know that when God plants the seed of truth about Jesus into our hearts, some people are like good soil – they hear the word, follow Jesus, and tell others about Him. So the seed grows and multiplies.

Some people hear about the Lord, and they never really understand it, or they just don't want to. It's like the seed has fallen on a concrete path. Nothing can grow there – and Satan just steals away the truth.

Some people are happy when they hear about the Lord Jesus. But they don't read the Bible or pray regularly, so they never get to know God very well. They are like a shallow soil that grows a spindly, weak plant. When trouble comes, the plant just shrivels up.



There are the folks who hear about Jesus, and they may want to follow Him. But they are so distracted by 'stuff' that they end up forgetting about God. Those distractions are like thorns that can choke out God's truth.



Which kind of soil would you like to be?

You can ask the Lord to help you to be the good soil, in which His good seed will grow and multiply – and bless others.