

# Sermon Notes

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## Be Good Soil

Matthew 13:1-23

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

13:1-9 The parable of the sower and the soils

Different conditions of soil, yield various results from receiving the seed.

13:10-17 The purpose of teaching in parables

Revealing and not revealing the mysteries of the kingdom

Not understanding because of unresponsive hearts

They could turn

And so can you

13:18-23 The explanation of the parable of the sower and the soils

Seed = God's word

Soil = people

Hard-packed path, the word never gets in

Rocky ground

They stumble over affliction & persecution

Among the weeds

Choked by worries of life  
& deceitfulness of wealth

Good soil

Understand

Doers of the word of God

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What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

## Application questions for 1-12–14 sermon Matthew 13:1-23

When you hear God's word, do you usually listen with the intention of understanding God's ways/perspective, and with the intention of living it out?

Do you want to do life your own way, or the Lord's way? Be honest.

Do you believe the Lord is wiser than you, and has your best interests in mind?

If you answered "yes" to this, but you are still often doing things your own way, instead of seeking the Lords ways, does it make sense to live that way?

Which soil do you identify yourself with mostly, right now? (recognize that you may not want to say you are this, but is it how you are living?)

Hard-packed path - don't want God's word interfering in your ways

Rocky ground - receive God's word but the culture, people around you, being apposed to Christianity causes you to not live it out

Among the weeds - worries about what is going on in your life, or pursuit of money/possessions is choking out your growth in Christ

Good soil - you receive the word, try to understand it, apply it to your life, and good fruits are appearing in your life

What do you want to change?

Do you crave more of God's wisdom? What do you do to get it on a regular basis, or try to get more of it?

Are you reading the Bible on your own?

If not, will you read Exodus over the next couple months?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?