

Kingdom Parables - The Parable of the Sower

Jesus called it the **parable of the sower** (*not the parable of the 4 soils*)

Mat 13:18 **"Hear then the parable of the sower:**

- The JOB of a SOWER is DIFFICULT - many fear it or shy away...but

The kingdom of God EXPANDS through the proclamation of the gospel! 1Cor Foolishness of preaching

- Rom 10:13-14 ESV For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? **And how are they to hear without someone preaching?**

Being a Sower can be discouraging, because Satan works against us

Mat 13:3-4 ESV And he told them many things in parables, saying: "**A sower went out to sow.** 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.....vs 19 When anyone **hears the word of the kingdom** and **does not understand it**, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.

- 2Co 4:4 ESV ...the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ

Being a Sower can be discouraging because some do not endure the trials of life

Mat 13:5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, 6 but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away..... 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who **hears the word** and **immediately receives it with joy**, 21 **yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while**, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

- Luke 8:13 - But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in **time of testing fall away**.

Being a Sower can be discouraging because some choose paths that choke the word

Mat 13:7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.....22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who **hears the word**, **but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful**.

There is Joy in Sowing - some produce 30, 60 and 100 fold...and this is why we go

Mat 13:8 Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 **He who has ears, let him hear.**"

- This is why the farmer plants...he is looking for harvest

Psa 126:5-6 ESV Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! 6 **He who goes out** weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, **shall come home** with shouts of joy, **bringing his sheaves with him**.

The only thing we control is the sowing (not the ground, not the seed)

Ecc 11:4-6 ESV He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap. 5 As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so **you do not know the work of God who makes everything**. 6 In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for **you do not know which will prosper**, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

Summary - Fruitfulness (What kind of soil are you?) --- (Will you become a Sower?)