

Four Soils-Four Hearts

Mark 4:1-21

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- Do you ever wonder about people who “backslide” or say that they “used to be a Christian”?
- What about the guy who claims to have “invited Jesus into my life” while living an immoral life, disobeying the clear teachings of scripture? Are these people really saved?

LEARN THE LESSON OF THE FOUR SOILS

- 1 Seed Needs To Be Sown If There Is To Be A _____ - “the sower went out to sow”
2. The Quality Is In The Seed Not In The _____ - “ some seed fell...other seed fell...”
3. Soil Produces Different _____ - “birds ate...sun rose...thorns choked...yielded a crop”
 - Two IMMEDIATE results
 - +soil along the _____
 - +soil among the _____
 - One SHORT TERM result: soil among the _____
 - One PERMANENT result- good soil

SO WHAT?

1. What are the evidences that identify the true convert?
2. How can you distinguish between the true and the false? The wheat & the tares?
 - Two logical and simple responses to the lesson of the soils
 - A. Become a _____
 - B. Become a _____

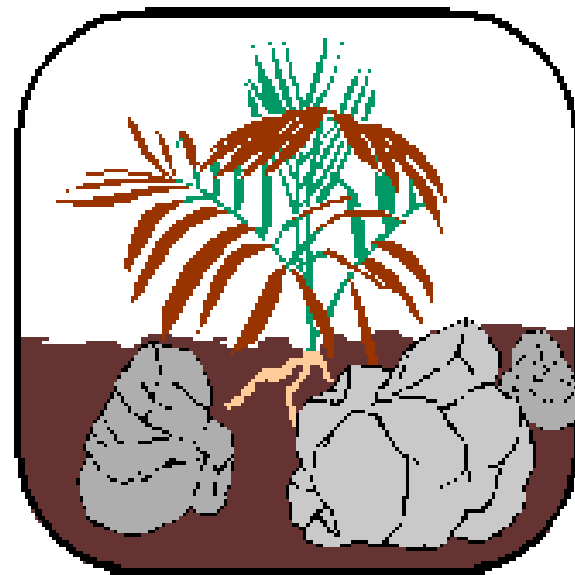
A close-up photograph of a hand sowing seeds into the soil. The hand is positioned at the top right, with fingers slightly curled, releasing a stream of small, dark seeds that fall into a shallow furrow in the light brown soil. The background is a soft-focus field of similar soil and seeds, creating a sense of depth and movement. The lighting is warm and natural, highlighting the texture of the skin and the granular nature of the soil and seeds.

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Hard soil

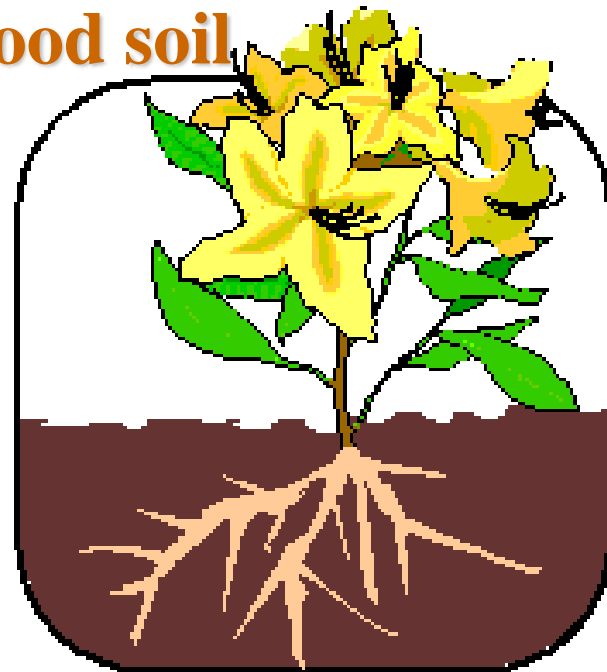


Rocky soil

Thorny soil



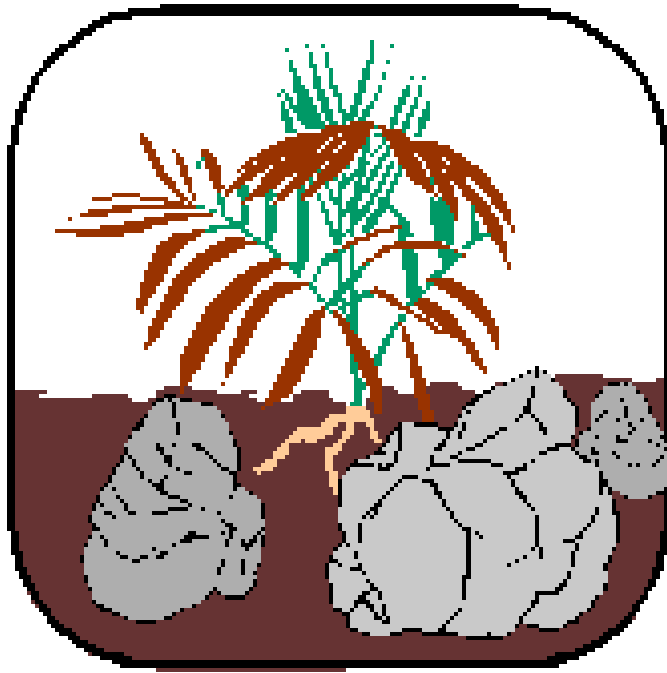
Good soil



Hard soil/Hard Heart



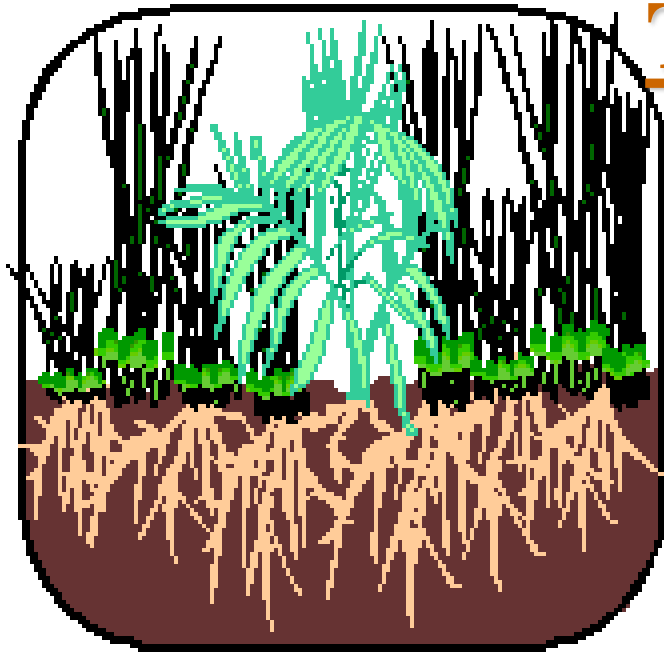
1. trampled path= HARD
2. birds eat the seed (v4)
3. happens “immediately” (v15)
4. Satan removes seed (v15)



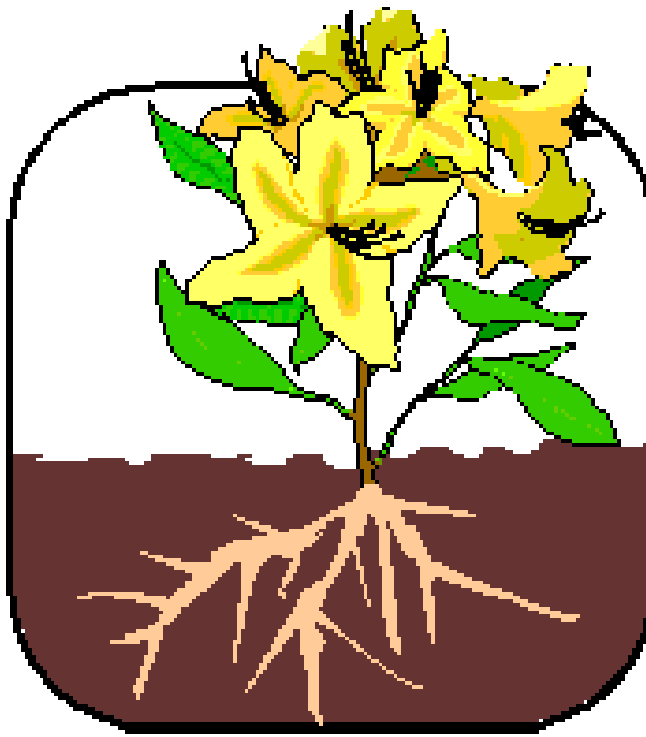
Rocky soil/Shallow Heart

1. Many rocks & little soil
2. no moisture (v5)
3. shallow soil/no depth
4. sprang up “**immediately**”
5. hear with joy (v16)
6. but is short-lived/temporary
7. sun/heat scorched plant (v6)
8. plant withered/died
9. sun/heat= persecution/trials/
affliction (v17)

Thorny soil/Crowded Heart



1. Thorns choke seed/plant
2. result was NO crop (v7)
3. thorns= (v19)
 - ❖ Worries/cares of this age
 - ❖ Deceitfulness of riches
 - ❖ Desire for things



Good soil/Open Heart

1. Seed grew (v8)
2. increased
3. produced a crop/harvest
 - 30%
 - 60%
 - 100%
4. hear & accept the word (v20)

How To Recognize The Real Thing?

1. FRUIT is consistent with repentance

Matt 3:8 bear fruit in keeping with repentance



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2. FRUIT is good works that flow from a life

Col 1:10 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work ...

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3. FRUIT is righteousness= holiness=
obedience & submission to will & word of God
Eph 5:8-10 walk as children of Light (for the fruit
of the Light consists in all goodness and
righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is
pleasing to the Lord.

Phil 1:11 having been filled with the fruit of
righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ,
to the glory and praise of God.

Heb 12:11 All discipline for the moment seems not
to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have
been trained by it, afterwards it yields the
peaceful fruit of righteousness.

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4. FRUIT is attitudes generated by the indwelling Holy Spirit

Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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5. FRUIT is gratitude and praise

Heb 13:15-16 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name

How To Recognize The Real Thing?

6. FRUIT is witness/faith-sharing

John 15:16 You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain

The Real Thing- SUMMARY

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Two Simple & Logical Responses To The Lesson Of The Soils

1. Become a fruit inspector
 - Do you see these “fruit” in Yourself? In Others?
2. Become a seed sower
 - The life you live plants seeds
 - The attitudes you display plant seeds
 - The words you speak plant seeds
 - The tracts you share plant seeds

SO?

PLANT SEEDS!!!

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