

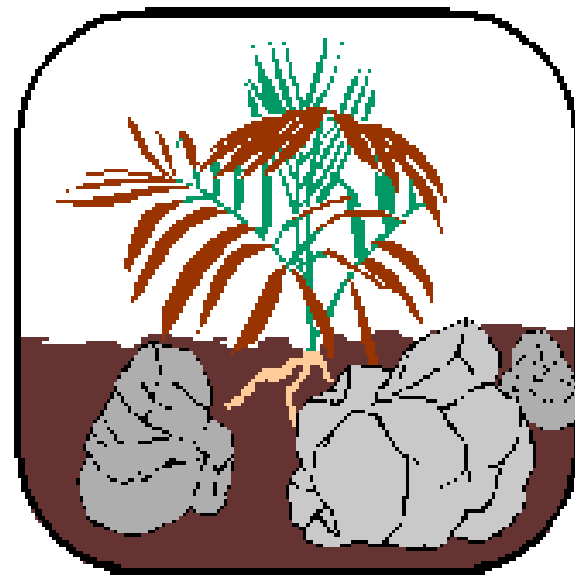
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# Four Soils Four Hearts

“The sower went out to sow . . .”



**Hard soil**

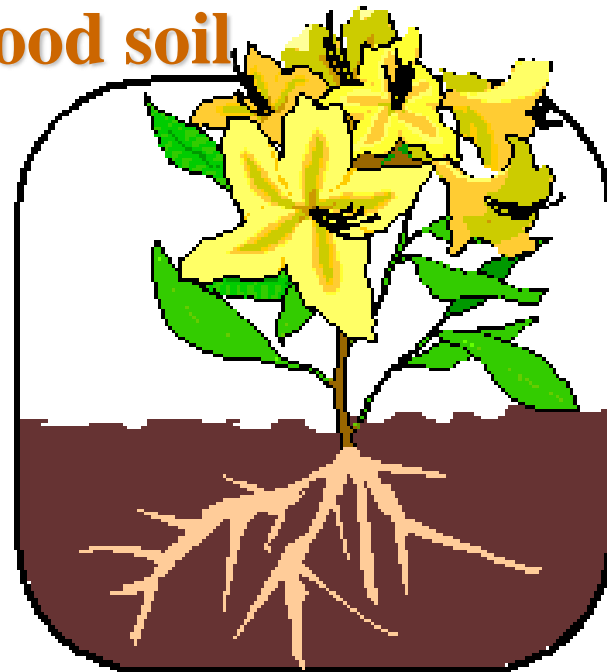


**Rocky soil**

**Thorny soil**



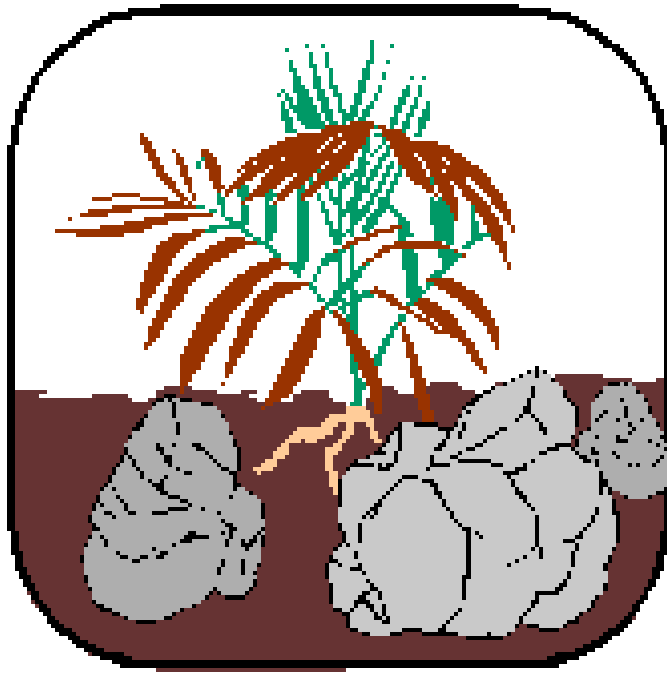
**Good soil**



# Hard soil/Hard Heart



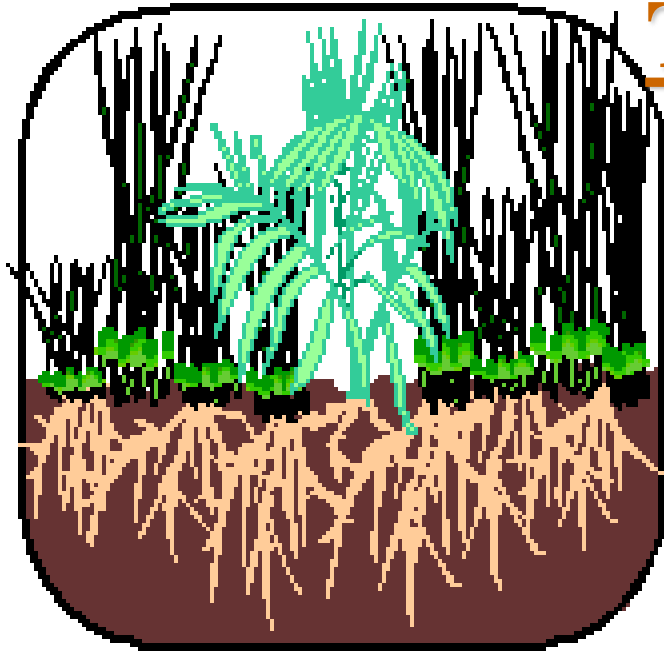
1. trampled path= HARD
2. birds eat the seed (v4)
3. happens “immediately” (v15)
4. Satan removes seed (v15)



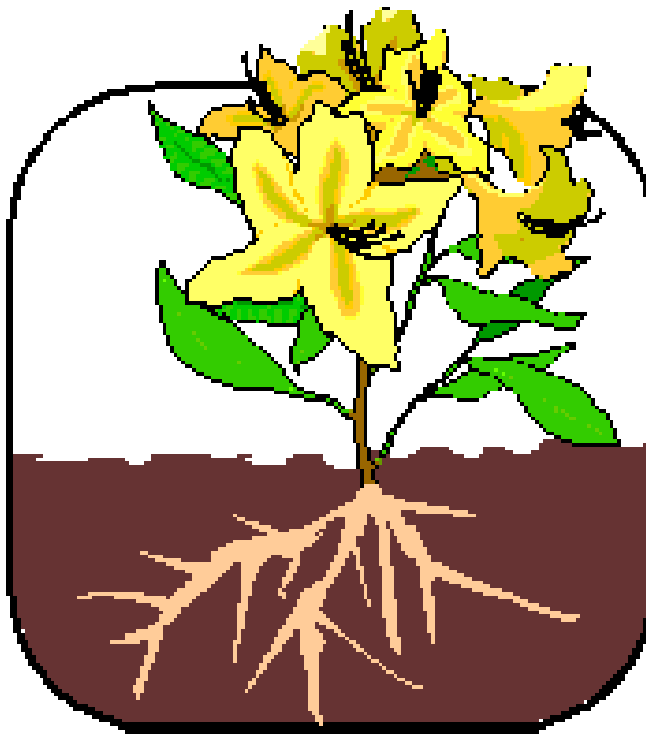
## Rocky soil/Shallow Heart

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.

# How To Recognize The Real Thing?

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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