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THE GOSPEL OF

# LUKE

That you may have certainty!

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## **misnomer**

*a wrong or inaccurate name or designation*


### EXAMPLES

Tin foil	Starfish
Ladybug	Chinese Checkers
Dry Cleaning	Funny bone

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# THE PARABLE OF THE SOILS

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## Luke 8:4-18

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## The Parable of the Soils

### Luke 8:4-15


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<sup>4</sup> As a large crowd was gathering, and people were coming to Jesus from every town, he said in a parable: <sup>5</sup> "A sower went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some seed fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the sky devoured it. <sup>6</sup> Other seed fell on the rock; when it grew up, it withered away, since it lacked moisture. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns; the thorns grew up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good ground; when it grew up, it produced fruit: a hundred times what was sown." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone who has ears to hear listen."

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# The Parable of the Soils

Luke 8:4-15

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<sup>9</sup> Then his disciples asked him, "What does this parable mean?" <sup>10</sup> So he said, "The secrets of the kingdom of God have been given for you to know, but to the rest it is in parables, so that

*Looking they may not see,  
and hearing they may not understand.*

<sup>11</sup> "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> The seed along the path are those who have heard and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

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# The Parable of the Soils

Luke 8:4-15

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<sup>13</sup> And the seed on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy. Having no root, these believe for a while and fall away in a time of testing. <sup>14</sup> As for the seed that fell among thorns, these are the ones who, when they have heard, go on their way and are choked with worries, riches, and pleasures of life, and produce no mature fruit. <sup>15</sup> But the seed in the good ground—these are the ones who, having heard the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it and by enduring, produce fruit.

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# The Parable of the Soils

Luke 8:4-15

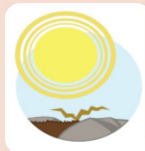
What four types of soil did Jesus describe in verses 5-8?

## FOUR DIFFERENT SOILS



### Path

Trampled  
Devoured



### Rocks

Grew  
Withered



### Thorns

Grew  
Choked



### Good

Grew  
Fruit 100x

What happened to the seeds for each type of soil?

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## Explanation Requested

Luke 8:9

<sup>9</sup> Then his disciples asked him, "**What does this parable mean?**"

Seems like a reasonable description of the basic laws of agriculture. Why did the disciples ask Jesus to explain the parable?

The disciples know Jesus well enough by now to know he is not giving them a lesson in farming.

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# Parable Explained

Luke 8:11-15

What did Jesus say the seed represented in verse 11?

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Luke 8:11-15

So if the seed is the Word of God then what is the parable about?

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# Parable Explained

Luke 8:11-15

The Parable is about four different types of people and how they respond to the Word of God.

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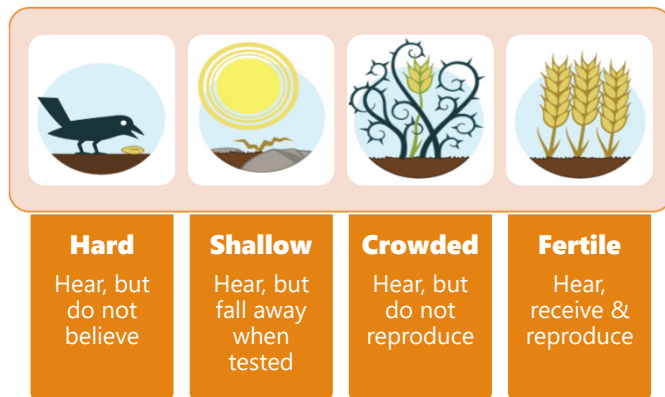
# Parable Explained

Luke 8:11-15

Looking at verses 12-15, how would you describe each of the four types of people?

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## FOUR DIFFERENT RESULTS



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# 4-H Fruit Production

Luke 8:15



Hear  
Hold  
Honest  
Heart

} **FRUIT**

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## DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- What kind of soil do you most resemble right now?
- Has life's worries choked out your growth as a Christian?
- What can you do this week to improve your receptivity to God's Word?
- What will most help you be responsive to God in your study of the Bible?
- With whom can you share the truth about what Jesus means to you, that your faith may bear fruit?

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