

# A REVOLUTION OF GOODNESS & LIGHT

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*Matthew 13:3-8*

<sup>3</sup>... "A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop-- a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

## Soil Analysis

- **HARD** – deflective, closed

*Matthew 13:18-19*

<sup>18</sup> "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

- **SHALLOW** – fades quickly

*Matthew 13:20-21*

<sup>20</sup> The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.

<sup>21</sup> But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time.

When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.

- **CLUTTERED** – distractions, worries

*Matthew 13:7*

Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.

*Matthew 13:22*

The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful.

"Go ahead and leave stuff out, there's nothing sacred about always putting stuff away.

If you find yourself in a hide-the-stuff-panic every time there's an unexpected knock at the door, you probably just have too much stuff. Maybe your visitor could take some of your stuff when he or she leaves...If you don't want to make your bed, shut the bedroom door and pretend it's made. Allow spoons in the fork-pile of the silverware drawer. Write the word "joy" in the dust on the table sometimes. Dusting is only a process of small particle rearrangement." – Paul Pierceall

- **GOOD** – soft, deep, uncluttered, receptive

*Matthew 13:23*

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

