



PURSUE: Women Pursuing Christ Through His Word
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Lecture Notes
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The Parable of the Sower

What are Parables?

- ☐ *The parable was the preferred teaching mechanism of a rabbi.*
- ☐ *Rabbis often used parables as sermon _____.*
- ☐ *The basic idea of a parable is that it “refers to a simple account used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels.”- Bible Hub*
- ☐ *“Many scholars argue that Jesus’ parables fit the range of forms referred to by the Hebrew term ‘_____’, which is sometimes translated parable.”*
Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible
- ☐ *_____ of Jesus’ teachings are parables.*

Why Parables?

- 1. Parables involve everyday situations, making them accessible to a wide audience while also containing deeper meanings for those willing to seek them.*
- 2. The usage of parables often challenged listeners to _____ critically and reflect on their own lives and beliefs.*
- 3. Stories are so powerful that the science behind storytelling is a thing called neural _____, when someone listens to a story, the neurons in their brain fire in the same pattern as the speaker’s brain.*
- 4. Parable form helps us remember.*
- 5. Parables enlighten and instruct, but often with a message that people _____ want to hear.” Klyne Snodgrass, Stories with Intent*
- 6. “The parables separated the _____ seeker from the casual _____.” -Alistair Begg*
- 7. “Tough teachings reveal hearts.” - Mike Winger*

Parable of the Sower

- A. The _____ seed is dispensed to four different types of soil.*
- B. The soils represent the human _____.*
- C. The parable of the Sower emphasizes the importance of a _____ heart.*

Four types of soil:

- The wayside hearer – the hard heart or calloused heart*
- The shallow hearer- a very thin layer of soil over a limestone rock*

- *The worldly hearer- a divided heart who is concerned with the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, pleasures and lust of other things. Mark 4:19, Luke 8:14*
- *The fruitful hearer- James 1:21 speaks of the one who “in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.” (John Bunyan story)*

What is my responsibility?

- 1. Examine what’s choking out the Word in your life?*
- 2. Do you need to do some weeding in your heart? Do you need to do business with God regarding heart issues?*
- 3. Are you sowing the seed you received? Only sowing the precious seed of the gospel can _____ people.*

“We can sow nothing better than the inspired, infallible, and inerrant _____ of _____. The Word of God has _____.” - Phillips Commentary

1 Peter 1:23-25

“for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God. For, all flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls off, but the word of the Lord endures forever.”