

Guarding the seed...



On the road



Luk 8:5 A farmer went out to scatter seed in a field. While the farmer was doing it, some of the seeds fell along the road and were stepped on or eaten by birds.

On rocky ground



Luk 8:6 Other seeds fell on rocky ground and started growing. But the plants did not have enough water and soon dried up.

Between thornbushes



Luk 8:7 Some other seeds fell where thornbushes grew up and choked the plants.

The Parable of the Sower

Farmer



Sow
Seed

Path



Birds Ate



Rocky Places



Grew Quickly



Scorched



Plant
Withered



Among Thorns



Choked
Plants

Good Soil



Crop



Sown

30x

60x

100x



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On the road



Luk 8:11 This is what the story means: The seed is God's message,
Luk 8:12 and the seeds that fell along the road are the people who hear the message. But the devil comes and snatches the message out of their hearts, so that they will not believe and be saved.

On rocky ground



Luk 8:13 The seeds that fell on rocky ground are the people who gladly hear the message and accept it. But they don't have deep roots, and they believe only for a little while. As soon as life gets hard, they give up.

Between thornbushes



Luk 8:14 The seeds that fell among the thornbushes are also people who hear the message. But they are so eager for riches and pleasures that they never produce anything. (also talks about cares in other versions)

Luk 8:15 Those seeds that fell on good ground are the people who listen to the message and keep it in good and honest hearts. They last and produce a harvest.

What causes the crop to fail?



The devil who steals seeds

No roots and the “hardness” of life

The cares, riches and pleasures of life

God's word



Isa 55:10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

God's word



2Ki 6:15 When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"
¹⁶ He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

God's word



2Ki 6:17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.



God's protection



Deu 20:1 "When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Man's response



2Ki 6:18 And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha prayed to the LORD and said, "Please strike this people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elisha. ¹⁹ And Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he led them to Samaria.

Man's response



2Ki 6:20 As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, "O LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." So the LORD opened their eyes and they saw, and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. ²¹ As soon as the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I strike them down? Shall I strike them down?"

Man's response



2Ki 6:22 He answered, "You shall not strike them down. Would you strike down those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master."

Other examples



Abraham: Asked to sacrifice Isaac (Gen 22)

Gideon: Asked to defend Israel (Judges 6)

Joshua: To defeat Canaan (Joshua)

Jesus's temptation (Mat 4)

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Mans responsibility



Heb 10:19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ...²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Mans responsibility



Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴
And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Mans responsibility



Heb 10:26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

Mans responsibility



Php 4:11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.
¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Mans responsibility



2Co 12:9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Summary



Value and protect your revelation

Encourage and be encouraged by others

Keep focussing on eternity

Learn to be content (OK)