



luke 8:5-8

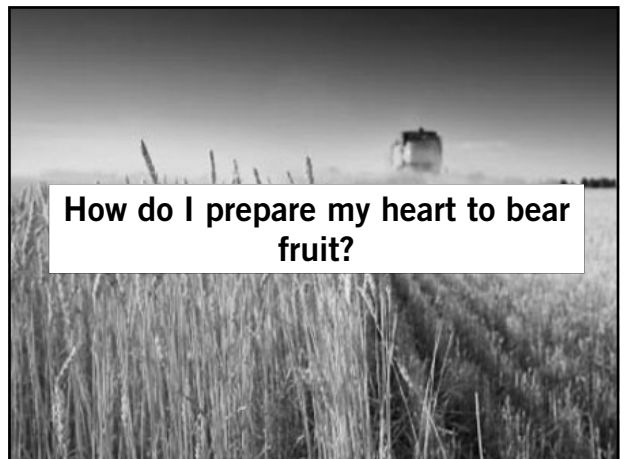
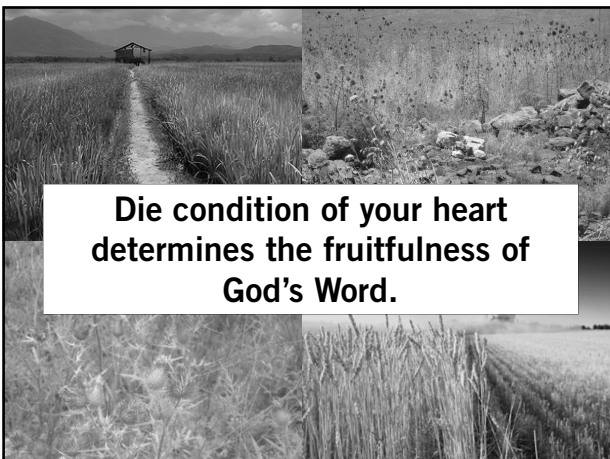
"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold."

luke 8:11-15

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away.

lukas 8:11-15

... And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.



1: hard ground

no understanding – revelation



mattheus 13:19

When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.

1: hard ground

no understanding – revelation



prayer (Eph 1:17-18; 2 Tim 2:7)

study (Ezra 7:10; 2 Tim 2:15)

meditation (Psalm 1:3; 1 Tim 4:15)

memorization (Psalm 119:11)

apply (Matt 7:24; James 1:22-24)

psalm 1:2 ... but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

2: rocky ground

“no root” - unrepentant



luke 8:13

And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away.

mat 13:21 “tribulation or persecution”

2: rocky ground

“shoots no root” - unrepentant



prayer (Psalm 119:176)

solitude (Luk 4:1)

fasting (Psalm 35:13; Mat 16:16; 1Pet 5:6)

meditation (Psalm 1:3; 1 Tim 4:15)

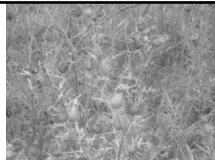
worship (Psalm 103:1-5)

word study : character of God.

psalm 119:176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

3: weeded ground

cares, riches, pleasures

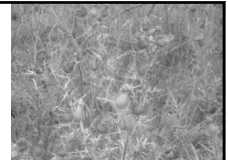


luke 8:14

And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

3: weeded ground

cares, riches, pleasures



cares

prayer (1 Pet 5:7) + **solitude**

thanksgiving (Psalm 103:2-5; Phil 4:6-8)

word study : faithfulness, provision and deliverance of God

1Pet 5:7 cast all your cares on the Lord, and he will care for you.

3: weeded ground

cares, riches, pleasures



riches

thanksgiving (Jak 1:17; Psalm 103:2-5)

generosity (1 Tim 6:17-19)

word study : contentment, purpose, eternal perspective

1 timothy 6:18 [rich people] are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.

3: weeded ground

cares, riches, pleasures



pleasures

worship

fast + solitude

serve

word study: God's character and attributes, eternal perspective.

psalm 37:4 Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will grant your heart's the desires.

4: good ground

sincerity, endurance



luke 8:15

As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

die power to transform the heart

action points this week

1. transparency
2. accountability
3. prayer

*become serious about growing to maturity
i.e. becoming like Christ*