

# Bible Study



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## Observations from the Parable of the Sower

### **MATTHEW 13:18-23**

*Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*

1. My focus must always be upon making sure that my heart is good ground.
2. If I want to follow Jesus, I must be a sower of the seed.
3. The church that is doing the work of Christ's kingdom is the church that is scattering the seed, that is, spreading the Gospel.
4. The job of the sower is to scatter the seed everywhere, seeking out the good ground.
5. As we scatter the seed we must be prepared for various hearts to receive the word and respond in various ways.
6. Tribulation is an inevitable part of true Christianity.
7. The cares of this life are a threat to Christian growth.
8. The church must not attempt to cater to the stony or to the thorny ground; we must strive to cultivate them to become good ground.
9. My goal for myself and for other believers should be to bear much fruit for God.