

# Bible Study



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## The Thorny Ground

### **MATTHEW 13:22**

*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.*

1. The thorny ground differs from the stony ground in that it welcomes the seed: but it differs from the good ground in that it welcomes everything else as well.

*-This is the Christian with no discernment, who is always saying, "I don't see anything wrong with this."*

2. The thorns represent the distractions of this temporal world.

*-The thorns include all of the temptations and sidetracks that hinder us when we live for this life and not for eternity.  
Hebrews 11:13-16.*

*-The Bible does not provide a "not-so-committed-to-Christ" version of Christianity.*

3. The distractions of a "this life" Christianity begin with simple demands (*the care of this world*), and gradually become destructive evils. I Timothy 6:10.

*-Every weed starts small.*

4. The weeds of worldly care choke the Word of God.

5. When the Word of God is choked in your heart, it makes you unfruitful.

*-The Spirit of God cannot produce fruit in you. Gal. 5:22-23.*

*-God cannot produce fruit through you. John 15:5*