

## Review

So we have been talking about the human heart, not the physical organ but the real you, and how our hearts are what both God and Satan are after. In our last few lessons, we have been doing a **heart check**. In Matthew 13:1-8 Jesus uses four conditions of the soil to illustrate 4 conditions of the human heart. These four conditions of the human heart are a **wayside** heart, stony places heart, among thorns heart, and good soil heart. So far, we have covered the wayside heart, the stony places heart, among thorns heart condition and this week we would look at the “good soil heart condition.

### Today's Focus:

## “Good Soil” Heart Condition

We want to look at how *the deceitfulness of riches* grows alongside God's word in our hearts and choke the word.

*Matthew 13:8, 23 (King James Version)*

*8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. 23 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.*

# Growth Group Discussion

For the Week of March 10, 2024

## LOOKING BACK

1. *Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

## LOOKING AHEAD

2. *Going back to our lessons on the four heart conditions, what heart condition, will you say you have now?*

## DIGGING DEEPER

3. *Read Matthew 13:8, 23 and discuss what a good heart condition looks like?*
4. *Comparing the 4 soils it is obvious that only the good soil is a prepared soil. What significance has preparation of the heart got to do with listening to the word of God.*
5. *Which is more important: measuring the condition of your heart by fruitfulness or by your feelings? And why?*
6. *Which soil describes you? Which do you want to be? What changes must you make to become that soil?*

## APPLYING THE LESSON TO MY LIFE

7. *How can we be rich soil for the Word of God to be planted in? Are you willing to let the Word grow in you? How will you do that?*

## PRAYER TIME

8. *Ask God to give each one the ability to be like the fruitful and productive soil.*