

# The Kingdom of Heaven

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# The Kingdom of Heaven is like.....!

- Valuable (Sell Everything)
- Poor in spirit
- Only Children will Enter it
- Judgment and Reward
- The Persecuted
- For the Merciful
- The Pure Hearted

# The Kingdom of Heaven

## The Four Soils

Luke 8:8-15

# Do You Know the Secret?

When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

His disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,

“though seeing, they may not see;  
though hearing, they may not understand.’

“This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

# Matthew 13

This is why I speak to them in parables:

“Though seeing, they do not see;  
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

““You will be ever hearing but never understanding;  
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

For this people’s heart has become calloused;  
they hardly hear with their ears,  
and they have closed their eyes.

(v13-14)

# On the Path!

- Hard Hearted
- Hear but no Penetration
- Our Mind Reasons to Unbelief
- Look at Church, Minster, Secular Thought
- Never takes Root
- Satan is aggressive when seed is sown
- Battle happening now

# Rocky Ground

- Start with Joy (Baptism)
- Trials will Come
- No Root (Shallowship)
- Shallow Relationship with God
- The Test
- Hardships
- Health
- Family Issues
- Conflict in Church
- Intimate Relationship
- Each day has enough trouble of it's own (Matt 6)

Fell Among the Thorns

Choked by Worries/Riches  
and Pleasures

# Choking



# Signs of Choking

- Not Happy
- Can't Breathe
- Self Preservation
- Can't Help/Save Others
- Getting Weaker
- End with Unconsciousness
- All Consuming (Single Focus)
- Only way to Breathe is by Help/Intervention

# The Worry Chart

Francis C. Ellis tells about a businessman who drew up what he called a “Worry Chart,” in which he kept a record of his worries.

- 40 percent of them were about things that probably would never happen.
- 30 percent concerned past decisions that he could not now unmake.
- 12 percent dealt with other people’s criticism of him.
- 10 percent were worries about his health.
- He concluded that only.
- **Only 8 percent** of them were really legitimate.
- 92% of our emotional capacity asphyxiated by worry
- Anxiety Robs: Quality of Life, Energy for Others and Dreams

# Deceitfulness of Wealth

The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful  
(Matthew 13:22)

# Deceitfulness

Deceitfulness: the inclination or practice of misleading others through lies or trickery.

Deception, Untruth, Deceived, Falsehood, Treacherous.

# Wealth

Most people in the world live in poverty. 85% of the world live on less than \$30 per day, two-thirds live on less than \$10 per day, and every tenth person lives on less than \$1.90 per day. In each of these statistics price differences between countries are taken into account to adjust for the purchasing power in each country.

# Ownership of Cars per 1,000 People

- Who has more cars US or Italy?
- United States: 837 to 1000
- Italy: 756 to 1000
- Who has more cars UK or Guam?
- UK: 575 to 1000
- Guam: 721 to 1000
- Hong Kong or Philippines?
- Hong Kong: 109 to 1000
- Philippines: 45 to 1000
- Somalia: 9 to 1000
- North Korea: 1 to 1000

# Wealth

Today, less than a third of global households own an air conditioner. In countries such as the United States and Japan, more than 90% of households have air conditioning, compared to just 8% of the 2.8 billion people living in the hottest parts of the world.

# Watch Out!

- Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” Luke 12:15
- But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people (Eph 5:3)

Choked by Pleasures of Life

The Third Soil

# Phone Addiction



# Family Plan



He's Always on his phone!



There is only two industries that  
call their customers users?

Illegal Drugs and Software

# Pleasure/Escape

- On average, people spend 3 hours and 15 minutes on their phones per day.
- Individuals check their phones an average of 58 times each day.
- Filipinos spend the highest amount of average time on their phones each day (5+)
- Almost half (46%) of Americans believe they spend an average of 4 to 5 hours on their smartphones each day.
- In total, 78% of females claim to spend more time on their smartphones than their partners.
- Usage: Necessity/Work - 3.8%
- By contrast, 68.6% of those surveyed believe that screen time affects mental health negatively (anxiety/depression)
- 3-4 hours on phone (Q.T, Fellowship, Friendships, Hospitality, Disconnect Spouse and Kids)

The Good Soil

Brandon Young

# THE GOOD SOIL

But the seed on good soil stands for those with a **noble and good** heart, who hear the word, **retain it**, and by **persevering** produce a crop (Luke 8:15)

# NOBLE & GOOD HEART

**Definition of Noble:** having or showing fine personal qualities or high moral principles and ideals: Honest, Upright, Brave, Unselfish, Uncorrupted, Generous, Worthy, Good  
(Oxford Dictionary)

# GOOD & NOBLE HEART

- LOVE OTHERS
- BE KIND AND NICE
- DESIRE GOOD THINGS IN OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES,  
NOT JUST YOURS (PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4)
- BE WILLING TO APOLOGIZE
- BE SELFLESS
- BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER PEOPLE'S  
EXPERIENCE
- COMPASSIONATE HEART

HOW MUCH MOISTURE DO  
HEALTHY PLANTS & INFORMATION  
THAT HEALTHY HUMANS RETAIN?

# RETENTION: PLANTS & MINDS

how much moisture do healthy plants re



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## 20% and 60%

All plants need to be in a specific soil moisture range — the majority of plants thrive in soil with a moisture level that ranges between **20% and 60%**. Why is this important?

[How Soil Moisture Can Affect Your Plant's ...](#)

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## How To Retain Information | Memory Improvement Strategies

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# RETENTION

- HUMILITY
- BE WILLING TO CALL PEOPLE HIGHER
- REMEMBER PASSAGES TO MINISTER TO YOUR TIME OF NEED
- REMEMBERING GOD'S TRUE CHARACTER ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE OVER YOUR EMOTIONS
- CONTINUING TO REPENT
- WE ONLY RETAIN 50% OF LEARNED INFO AFTER 1 HOUR

# PERSERVERING

- SAYING NO TO TEMPTATION
- RESOLVING CONFLICTS IN A TIMELY MANNER SO THAT THE DEVIL CAN'T GET A FOOTHOLD ON YOU AND MANIPULATE YOUR THOUGHTS
- MEMORIZING SCRIPTURES AND PRAYING IN AREAS THAT ARE HARDER FOR YOU
- CONTINUING TO PLANT SEEDS EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T SEE GROWTH

# THE CROP

- LIVING A ABUNDATE LIFE
- HELPING OTHERS TO KNOW GOD (MATT 28)\*
- MULIPLTING THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT (GAL 5)
- SEEING THE FRUIT OF YOUR LIVES (MARK 4:20)
- JOY OF THE HARVEST (CROP)
- 100/60/30 TIMES (LIVE A BOUNTIFUL LIFE IN JESUS) MATT 13:23
- KEEP PLANTING AND PRESERVING. GOD WILL REWARD YOUR HARD WORK.
- THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL

# THE KINGDOM HEAVEN

- THE PATH
- THE ROCKS
- THE THORNS
- THE GOOD SOIL

# Jesus' Prayer

Otherwise they might see with their  
eyes,

hear with their ears,

understand with their hearts

and turn, and I would heal them.'

Matthew 13:5

# Heaven Holds All To Me

Earth holds no treasures but perish with using,  
However precious they be;  
Yet there's a country to which I am going,  
Heaven holds all to me.

Out on the hill of that wonderful country,  
Happy, contented and free,  
Loved ones are waiting and watching my coming,  
Heaven holds all to me.

Why should I long for the world and its sorrows,  
When in that home o'er the sea,  
Millions are singing the wonderful story,  
Heaven holds all to me.

Poet: Tillitt S. Teddlie