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- A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.
- The way Jesus used parables brought a skill that used the parable to its highest level of perfection...He is the master Teacher.

### I. The Parable of the Soils

- The kingdom of God is like a seed being sown.
- The one who sows goes out and does his job.

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- The seeds fell:
  - Beside the Road
  - Rocky Ground
  - Thorny Soil
  - Good Soil

## II. The Reason for Parables

- Parables reveal the mystery of the gospel to those who are ready.
- Those not ready, the message is concealed, although the parable may spark conversation.

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- The basic “secret,” common to all the kingdom parables, is that **in Jesus**, God’s rule (kingdom) has come into human experience in a new spiritual form.

## III. The Explanation

- The parable of the soils is the key to all others concerning the Kingdom (vs. 13).
- The sower is not identified. The stress is placed on the fact that he sows the Word of God.

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- The ground is what affects the growth of the seed.

#### –The Road

These are the listeners with no intent to believe.

#### –Rocky Soil

There is an immediate denial and falling away because of trials and persecutions.

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#### –Thorny Soil:

Those who hear the Gospel and allow the things of this world to overtake them choke out the fruit of the Gospel.

#### –Good Soil:

Those who hear the Gospel and count the cost.

**Genuine disciples produce fruit!**

### Consider...

- The sower in the parable does not prejudge the soil.
- The explanation of the parable indicates that success comes from God.
- Sowers are not called to be successful but to be faithful.

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