

# IS THERE EVIDENCE OF CHRIST IN YOU?

**MATTHEW 13:3-9**



If we were to be put on trial for being a Christian – would there be enough evidence to convict us?

*"...that your progress may be evident to all."*

**1 Timothy 4:12-16**

# EXPLANATION OF THE PARABLE

## ■ The Sower

- Jesus

## ■ The Seed

- Word of God

## ■ The Soil

- Four soils



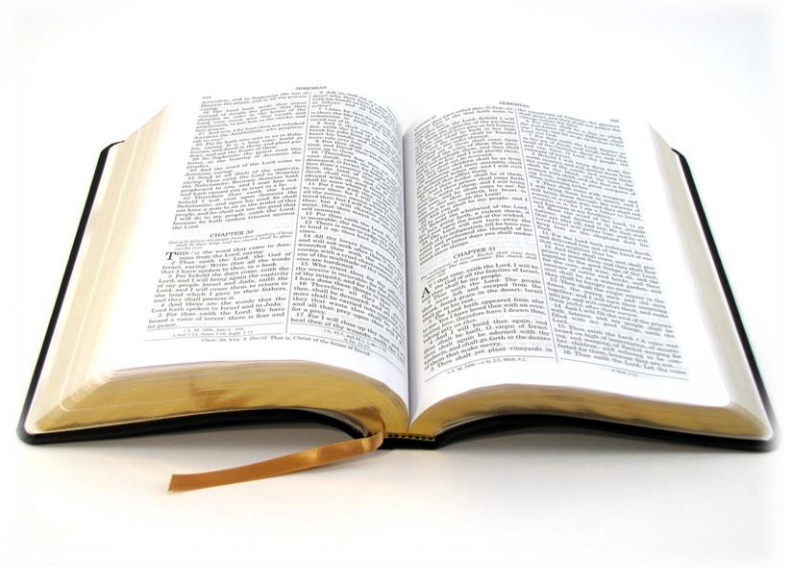
## ❑ The Wayside Soil

❑ Matthew 13:15

❑ 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

## ❑ Stony Soil

❑ Matthew 13:20-21



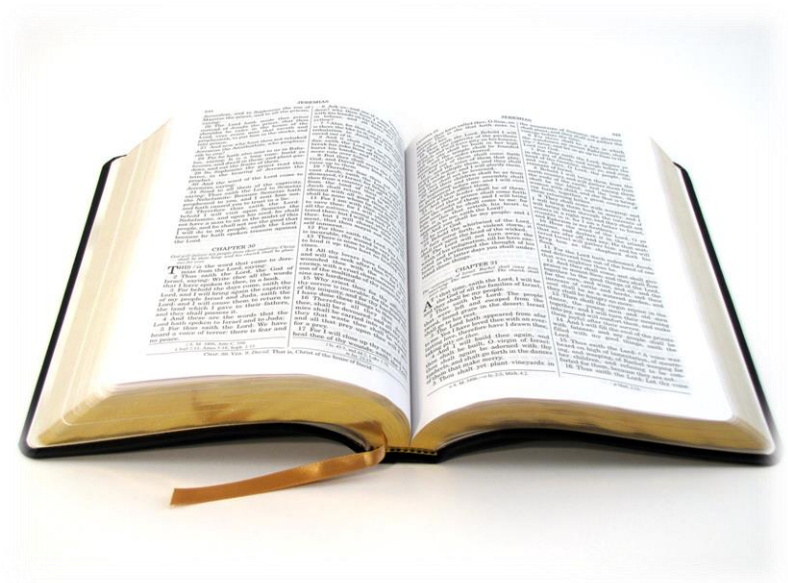
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# ❑ The Thorny Soil

❑ Matthew 13:22

❑ Luke 8:14



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## ❑ The “three” Thorns – Unfruitful

- ❑ Being unprepared - **Luke 21:34-36**
- ❑ Detracting our minds - **Luke 12:29-32**
- ❑ Deceitfulness of riches – **1 Timothy 6:9-10**
- ❑ Pleasures of life – **Galatians 5:17**
- ❑ Sowing to the flesh – **Galatians 6:7-9**

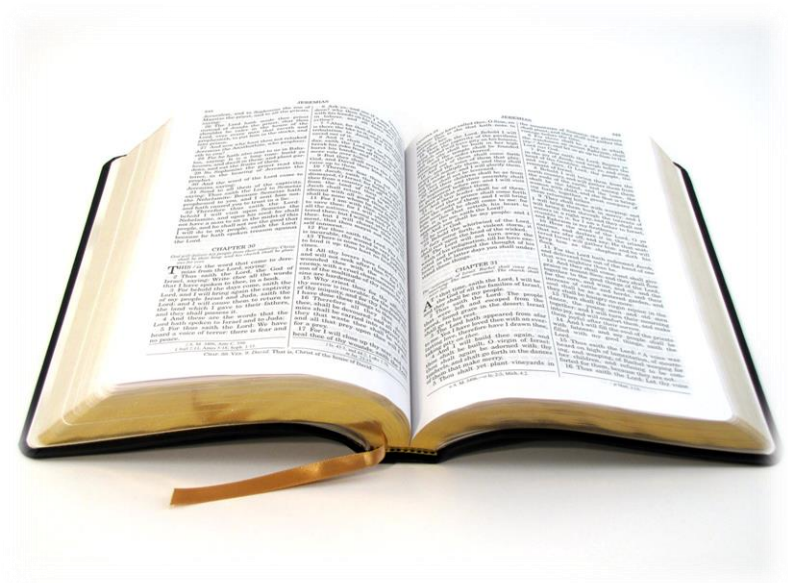


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# ❑ The Good Soil

- ❑ Matthew 13:23
- ❑ Romans 6:22
- ❑ Romans 12:1-2



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# APPLICATION OF THE PARABLE

## ■ The Wayside?

- Heard – but not a Christian
- May be hardening your heart

You are susceptible to **Satan's deception** in some form, not accepting God's Word

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## ■ The Stony?

- Responded at one time, but now are not grounded in faith

You will likely fall away when **persecution** and **temptation** comes your way



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## ■ The Thorny?

- Responded at one time, but now becoming preoccupied with the cares, riches, and pleasures of life

You will not be able to bear fruit!  
**John 15:1-6**

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## ■ The Good?

- Responded to the gospel and are bearing fruit
  - A good heart
  - Understanding
  - Patience

The Word has been able to produce its **intended effect** in your life!

**“HE WHO HAS EARS TO  
HEAR, LET HIM HEAR!”**

**MATTHEW 13:9**

Only the **“GOOD SOIL”**  
will be among the **FEW**



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