

It will not produce for want of moisture, want of earth, want of roots

These are persons who seem sincere, make a start and soon lose interest and stop coming to church, drop out of sight. Amazing how many don't like the preacher (I don't ask you to like me-Bor. I want you to love the Lord.) take offence at something said, or something done, they object to appeals for money, They had rather for you to have a circus at the evening service than a gospel sermon.....

The season of trial, of temptation to much--- these are superficial people who have to be rounded up periodically to keep them in the fold.....

Temporary at the best--- the hot sun will get them.

III. THORNS ^{LK} 17, 14 ^{Mat} 7, 22

This is the pre-occupied heart--- Worldly minded heart. This

This is a familiar scene--- It is like a garden lost in the weeds. It started well, but was soon choked out.

The church is full of members like this.. They have little religion, but it is crowded out with cares, other interests until it bears little fruit...

They try to hold on to the interest of the world and of God at the same time.---one must suffer!

Worldly weeds choke out the word.---the stalk soon turns yellow and dies.

The seed springs into life but there is no room for development.

It is robbed by the thorns of needed nourishment, Cumbered with much serving..

GOOD START---

ANXIOUS about their work, clothes---things that seemed harmless in apperance at first, but cares of world soon choke the seed of Grace.

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Luke 8:

Mat. 13:1-6

Intro: This is the season for planting gardens. All kinds of seeds are being planted. Here in the city there are a few spots left for ambitious gardeners. We must plant potatoes, tomatoes, beans etc..... Then when the sun gets hot in June and July their energy begins to weaken and a for help sign is put up- weeds and grass have taken over...

Japan - Suto - Rhodes Signet - Miami Beach St. Shrub, Flowers, Bulbs - Planted
Interesting to watch things grow ^{Free - highly report stop + plant something}

For centuries the Japanese have cultivated the art of taking tall trees and dwarfing them.. It takes a lot of time and requires careful tedious processing, careful watering, nipping buds and thinning roots. Keeping the roots in a given space. The old art goes back to the 13th century.. These potted trees looking in every respect like the full size ones---yet miniature trees....

It serves as a good illustration of spiritual dwarfing...

Every one who has lived on a farm knows the value of roots. Surface roots are important, but the tap root must go deep into the earth--- Think of the giant Red wood tree- one grows to a height of 364 ft. high... General Sherman in the national park is 101½ ft. in circumference & 282 feet tall. it is 18½ ft. in diameter at 100 ft above the ground.

There is a difference in the giant Red wood that sends roots deep into the earth and the dwarfed potted tree with its matted clipped roots.

What about Xtian growth?

Jesus used a parable to show us how the garden grows...

1. The SEED is the same in every case----

2. The difference is in the kinds of SOILS....

3. The REASON for the parable: Christ answer to the objection If the Gospel is from God, why is it not more effective?

We will notice that the seeds are scattered everywhere.. not limited to one spot.

We must note also that the seed is no ordinary seed.. the life giving element is not in the soil but the seed. With out the

seed ~~there~~ can be no life, appart from the indwellin gX there can be no life.

— We must see:

1. The SOWER: The Lord
The apostles,
Xtians today
2. The SEED: God's WORD
Not mans word...
3. The GROUND: Heart
not the head of man but his heart.

See the Lord going out to plant a garden-----

I. WAYSIDE ^{LK} V.5, 12 ^{Met} 4, 19

We know the effect of truth depends upon the spiritual state of the hearers.

The first heart described is like the hard trodden foot-path through the field of grain.

No possible impression made... The WORD finds no entrance.

Heart is trodden down by sin... His mind throws off the offers of X....

He is like a slate roof, it throws off the pieces of hail ...

Seed will not grow on a tightly braced drum-head...the slightest motion will shake it off.

A wise farmer would make the foot path at the end of the row, but this path is through the middle of the heart...

By custom and habit- this person and fgone from childhood to manhood with his heart getting harder each year....

He attends some services, but he does not hear mush... his heart is unploughed, unbroken. This is the reason why preachers fail today, while he presents the Word the devil is at work, and the seed never penetrate beyond the intellect.

All of their Religion is on the outside.. No Lodgment in the Heart.....

Fouls devour the SEED—Satan snatches them away. as birds pick up gr

The devil gets the grain before it sprouts, and takes roots.

No wonder the Sower must use good seed...

Here are people who have heard the Word, but they were careless hearers.....The impression is gone, and their hearts are hardened.

The word spoken never touched their hearts, did not touch their conscience. They never enter the soil, it may have been business, bitterness, sports, and the devil snatched away the things that might make an impression upon our hearts.

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II. STONY ^{LK} V.6, 13 ^{Met} 5, 6, 20, 21

This is the superficial hearer--- Temporary hearer.

Stoney ground has a thin layer of soil over the top of the rock bed.

The seed is planted upon this thin layer of soil, and the seed springs up most quickly, because the soil may be warm on top.

The sun comes up = Jehovah's witness yesterday
Withered to dry up. Roots can not stick deep, and the grain soon witheres beneath the scorching sun.
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These people receive the message but when persecution and trials come they quickly desert. There is a hard heart underneath.

These persons enter a profession of Rel. before their hearts are thoroughly broken in the sense of sin.

Stoney ground is cold—what could be colder than a stone? These persons are without spiritual warmth.

Stoney ground does not drink in the rain which falls from heaven...

Stoney ground never brings forth perfect fruit...

THE seed and plant must be exposed to the sun shine, but these weeds shade the plant.

The seed and plant have the capacity for growth—good soil, every reason for growth,,,,,
No man can serve two masters..... Not enough room for seed and thorns...

Greek Mythology tells of one who resolved to win a race .. But she did not..Why? Her enemies along the way flung out pieces of gold Before her. The temptation was too strong and she stopped to pick them up. and so lost the prize.

The picture of one who starts on a siritual course and forfits all because they stop to pick up gold, etc.

Weeding work is painful---

IV. GOOD ^{Lk} v. 8, 15. ^{Matt} 8, 23.

Sincere heart, the prepared heart, the fruitful heart..

They were responsive;;;;;

They are permanent in their resolutions-----

They give first place-----

Is there any wonder that they bear fruit???

Hold fast-the devil can not snatch them away... depth of the soil, the hot sun will not dry up. They are more than mushrooms springing up over night

Why the Variety of degrees? some 60, 30, 100., Even in this group there are those who will go all the way with God..

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HE CRIED-- loud voice--warning , about hearing with the ears..

Dr. Warren said 40 yrs ago in my childhood days remember g going around the old water mill,. It was a place of beauty. I it provided needed bread. it was the community center for boating , baptizing, picnics, parties...

Recently I visited the scene for the first time in many years.. My heart was saddened. The pond had been turned into a cotton patch, the picnic grounds into a marshy flat. The old mill wheel was silent, but beneath the rotten flood gates the little stream still flowed.

The near by corn field, the need for bread, the water with which to grind was still there, but the mill and the mill were gone....

The Gospel is still the power of God unto Sal...
His powere will work wonders,

We need to hear his cry- souls need to be saved...

Our utter dependence upon X...Necessity of living for X.
Sincerity in receiving the word.