

Read Matthew 13:1-9

*“Still others fell on good ground and produced a crop: some 100, some 60, and some 30 times what was sown.”  
Matthew 13:8 (HCSB)*

Jesus addressed a large crowd of people, telling a parable (an earthly story with a heavenly meaning) to talk about a person's heart. As the farmer scattered seed, it fell along the path, on rocky ground, among thorns, and on good soil. Jesus desires for His followers to have hearts (soil) that yield a harvest.

What is the present condition of your heart? In Jesus' parable, He talks about four kinds of soil (hearts):

- (1) A calloused heart. This person lacks spiritual and ministerial expectations, goes through the motions, and relates to God with a selfish agenda.
- (2) A shallow heart. This person is often immature in the faith and busy in ministry. It's possible to be a mile wide and an inch deep.
- (3) A distracted heart. This person battles the worries of life and the deceitfulness of wealth.
- (4) A productive heart. This person lives his or her life to fulfill God's mission. In order to plant a garden, the ground (soil), must first be broken. If you desire to yield a spiritual harvest, brokenness is often what God uses.

Are you willing to be broken for God's glory? What is currently breaking your heart and spirit? What kind of soil are you?