

## **June 2019 Fasting**

### **Spiritual Heart Diagnoses**

**(Self-Examination/Evaluation)**

### **The SEED, The SOIL.**

#### **Luke 8:11 NIV**

"This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God.

#### **Luke 8:11 TPT**

The word of God is the seed that is sown into hearts.

#### **Mark 4:14 TPT**

Let me explain: The farmer sows the Word as seed,

Luke 8 TPT

#### **a) Hard Pathways/Road**

- They hear the word.
- The devil quickly snatches (quickly seize) away what was sown in their hearts (in this case, for fear that if it takes root, a change will be experienced).
- No believe (no faith).
- No salvation is experienced.

**Possibilities**

- Their initial response is indifference.
- The word was not received with joy.
- There was no understanding, so the information did not stick.
- No roots were developed

### **Time Frame**

- The time frame between receiving and believing was intercepted by the devil. It should not take long to believe; however, we are told that faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17).

### **b) Gravel**

- They initially respond to the word with joy (enthusiasm).
- Two factors prevented the seed from taking root (a season of harassment of the enemy **and** difficulty come to them).
- They wither and fall away.
- They have no root in the truth.
- Their faith is temporary.

### **Possibilities**

- Inconsistent – joy can be sustained. Their initial response was joy however, was not sustained. Possibly because there was no one to stand with them.
- Impatience (a season of harassment of the enemy **and** difficulty came to them).  
Meaning, the word was the target, therefore, if they patiently endured, the season would have past and they will come out victorious.
- They knew the truth but were not established in it and of course that caused their faith to be temporal.

## **Timeframe**

- The timeframe of joy (enthusiasm) was short lived.
- The timeframe of the enemy's harassment and life's difficulty could not be endured.
- The timeframe needed to be established in the truth was compromised possibly because of the enemy's harassment and life's difficulties.
- Faith was temporal, not permanent.

## **Noteworthy**

\*The first two soils that received the word, among many things, was attacked by the devil. Not the case with the third and fourth.

### **c) Weed**

- Their growth is quickly choked off by 1) their own anxious cares, 2) the riches of this world, and 3) the fleeting pleasures of this life.
- \*Weeds are like leeches. They suck the life out of you.
- This is why they never become mature and fruitful.

## **Possibilities**

- There is some growth, however, not progressive due to the 3 factors (anxiety (worrying about tomorrow), worldliness (making money), and pleasure (having fun)).
- Lacking in spiritual pillars (foundational teachings).
- Lacking in persistence (their growth is quickly choked off by...)
- The enemy is not the major factor, however, the inability for one to sit under the tutelage of the word in order to be transformed.
- Possibly "seen" the kingdom but have not "entered". Spiritual maturity and fruitfulness are kingdom qualities.

## **Timeframe**

- The timeframe between the establishment of the word and the maturity and fruitfulness, was intercepted by the 3 factors listed.

**d) Good, Fertile Soil**

- Those lovers of truth.
- Who hear it deep within their hearts.
- They respond by clinging to the word.
- Keeping it dear as they endure all things in faith.
- This is the seed that will one day bear much fruit in their lives.”

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