

BEING RECEPTIVE TO GOD

Life Stories - Part 2

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Without _____ ... there is no relationship!

Luke 8:8b (NIV) *"He who has ears to hear, let him hear."*

IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE RECEPTIVE...

1. YOU MUST _____ AN OPEN MIND.

Luke 8:5 (NIV) *"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up."*

Luke 8:12 (NIV) *"Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved."*

The Hardened Path = A _____ Mind.

What causes us to have a closed mind?

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2. YOU MUST _____ TIME TO LISTEN

Luke 8:6 (NIV) *"Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture."*

Luke 8:13 (NIV) *"Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away."*

The Shallow Soil = A _____ Mind.

God will not keep teaching you new things until you put into practice what you've already learned.

3. YOU MUST _____ THE DISTRACTIONS

Luke 8:7 (NIV) *"Other seed fell among thorns (weeds), which grew up with it and choked the plants."*

Luke 8:14 (NIV) *"The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature."*

The Soil With Weeds = A _____ Mind

Three Types Of Weeds...

- _____ of this life
- _____ of this life
- _____ of this life

Weeds are a sign of _____.

4. YOU MUST _____ WITH WHAT HE SAYS

The Good Soil = A _____ Mind.

Luke 8:8a (NIV) *"Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."*

Luke 8:15 (NIV) *"But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop."*

James 1:22 (NIV) *"Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."*

KINGDOM PRINCIPLE: God constantly

_____ with you!