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Title: What Type of Soil Grows the Best Crops?

Text: Matthew 13:3-8, 18-23

Sharing your faith with others is the chief purpose of the mission of the Church. Jesus illustrates this sharing by telling a story about farming.

### **The Sower**

Jesus

The Holy Spirit

Every believer

### **The Seed**

The Gospel

The entire Word of God

### **The Soils - 4 Types**

1) The hard packed soil. v.18-19

The seed falls on the surface and can't take root so the birds come and eat the seed.

These people have closed minds. No spiritual insight. Satan keeps them blinded to the truth.

2) The stony ground or shallow ground. v.20-21

The seed takes root at first but the roots are unable to take hold.

These people are emotional but have no commitment. Trouble and persecution causes them to fall away.

3) The thorny ground. v.22

Thorns and weeds choke out the plants.

The worries of the world.

The deceitfulness of riches.

4) The good ground. v.23

They hear the word and understand it.

They produce fruit or evidence that they are saved.

**John 15:16** - You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.