

Parable of the Sower
Pastor Mark Wilks, MATTHEW 13:1-23

1. The main characters in the parable.

- The sower is the Lord Jesus. Mt. 13:37
- The seed is the message of the Kingdom or the word of God.
- Notice the words that are repeated.

2. The soils represent the heart and its condition.

- Rocky soil – literally the idea of a bedrock with no depth to the soil = all external, no roots.
- Seed among thorns - good but impure - distracted by the things of this world.
- Good soil – the “win” is defined by reproduction!

3. No one knows the heart like Jesus!

- It's not the talent of the sower but the condition of the soil (the heart) determines the result.
- “Preach the gospel to yourself every day!” Jerry Bridges
- If reproduction is key: How do we help cultivate soil?
- Talk about how we are dependent on Jesus.

Application:

- 1) Examine your heart. Ask the Lord to help you.
- 2) Acknowledge and repent from the ways your heart sometimes responds as each soil.
- 3) Ask the Lord to help you become a sower.

The Parables of Jesus

Parable	Matthew	Mark	Luke
1. Lamp Under a Basket	5:14–16	4:21, 22	8:16, 17; 11:33–36
2. A Wise Man Builds on Rock and a Foolish Man Builds on Sand	7:24–27		6:47–49
3. Unshrunk (New) Cloth on an Old Garmen	9:16	2:21	5:36
4. New Wine in Old Wineskins	9:17	2:22	5:37, 38
5. The Sower	13:3–23	4:2–20	8:4–15
6. The Tares (Weeds)	13:24–30		
7. The Mustard Seed	13:31, 32	4:30–32	13:18, 19
8. The Leaven	13:33		13:20, 21
9. The Hidden Treasure	13:44		
10. The Pearl of Great Price	13:45, 46		
11. The Dragnet	13:47–50		
12. The Lost Sheep	18:12–14		15:3–7
13. The Unforgiving Servant	18:23–35		
14. The Workers in the Vineyard	20:1–16		
15. The Two Sons	21:28–32		
16. The Wicked Vinedressers	21:33–45	12:1–12	20:9–19
17. The Wedding Feast	22:2–14		
18. The Fig Tree	24:32–44	13:28–32	21:29–33
19. The Wise and Foolish Virgins	25:1–13		
20. The Talents	25:14–30		
21. The Growing Seed		4:26–29	
22. The Absent Householder		13:33–37	
23. The Creditor and Two Debtors			7:41–43
24. The Good Samaritan			10:30–37
25. A Friend in Need			11:5–13
26. The Rich Fool			12:16–21
27. The Watchful Servants			12:35–40
28. The Faithful Servant & Evil Servant			12:42–48
29. The Barren Fig Tree			13:6–9
30. The Great Supper			14:16–24
31. Building a Tower and a King Making War			14:25–35
32. The Lost Coin			15:8–10
33. The Lost Sons			15:11–32
34. The Unjust Steward			16:1–13
35. The Rich Man and Lazarus			16:19–31
36. Unprofitable Servants			17:7–10
37. The Persistent Widow			18:1–8
38. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector			18:9–14
39. The Minas (Pounds)			19:11–27