

# Exposing the Secret of Your Heart

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## Introduction:

Matthew 7:22 Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

2 Corinthians 13:5 Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?

## #1 Four responses to the Word of God will \_\_\_\_\_ your heart

Matthew 13:3 And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow; 4 and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and devoured them. 5 And others fell upon the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. 7 And others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out. 8 And others fell on the good soil, and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."

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## 1<sup>st</sup> The first soil is the \_\_\_\_\_ heart

19 When anyone hears the Word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> The second soil is the \_\_\_\_\_ heart

20-21 And the one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has **no firm root in himself**, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he **falls away**.

1 John 2:19 they went out from us, but they were not really of us.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> The third soil is the \_\_\_\_\_ heart

*22 this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.*

*2 Timothy 4:10, For Demas, having loved this present world has deserted me and gone  
James 4:4 Whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God  
1 John 2:15 If anyone loves the World, the Love of the Father is not in Him*

### 4<sup>th</sup> The fourth soil is the \_\_\_\_\_ heart

*23 this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.*

*1 Corinthians 6:9-10 Do not be deceived, the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God*

## #2 A sold out passionate commitment reveals a \_\_\_\_\_ heart

*44 The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

*45-46 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.*

1 \_\_\_\_\_ your heart carefully

2 Destroy whatever is \_\_\_\_\_ you from pursuing Christ

3 Pursue \_\_\_\_\_ others to come to Christ and become like Christ

#### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why are there so MANY who think they are Christians, when Jesus says they are not?
2. What are the false indicators of salvation that MANY people believe in falsely?
3. What are the true indicators of biblical salvation, which the FEW trust in order to enjoy genuine assurance of salvation?
4. Of the kinds of hearts/soils Jesus describes in Matthew 13, which one best DESCRIBES you?
5. How will you personally RESPOND to the truth of God's Word from Matthew 13?

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