



PARABLE OF THE SOWER (FARMER)
Matthew 13:3-8; 18-23 (NKJV)

	Seed That Fell By The Wayside	Seeds That Fell On Stony Places	Seeds That Fell Among Thorns	Seeds That Fell On Good Ground
Symbolism of the Parable	They were devoured by birds	They immediately produced plants since the layers of soil were thin. But the sun scorched these plants quickly because they lacked good roots and withered away.	They were choked out (smothered-robbed of nutrients) by the thorns.	They yielded a good crop that produced some one hundred fold, some sixty fold and some thirty fold.
	Verse 4	Verses 5-6	Verse 7	Verse 8
Explanation of the Parable	Anyone who <u>“hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it”</u> has the wicked one come and snatch away “what was sown in his heart.”	Someone who <u>“hears the word and immediately receives it with joy.”</u> but without <u>roots in himself he endures only short while.</u> When he is faced with tribulation or persecution because of the word, he stumbles immediately.	Someone who <u>“hears the word”</u> only to have the <u>“cares of this world”</u> and the <u>“deceitfulness of riches”</u> choke out that <u>word</u> , rendering him unfruitful.	Someone <u>“who hears the word and understands it,”</u> bearing good fruit and producing some crops of one hundred fold, some sixty fold, and some thirty fold.
	Verse 19	Verses 20-21	Verse 22	Verse 23
Summary	Cannot be fruitful	Very short term fruitfulness	Prevented from fruitfulness	Greatly enhanced fruitfulness