

Gardening the Heart – 6
Four Kinds of Ground

Mark 4:13-20 NKJV

1. WAYSIDE - Ground around the field – **Mark 4:15 (NKJV)**

- Hard ground (hearts)
- Satan gets it immediately! How?
- Matthew 13:18-19 (NKJV)
- They do not understand
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NKJV)
- Mark 4:12(ref)

2. STONY GROUND – “no root in themselves” - **Mark 4:16-17 (NKJV)**

- They received the word with gladness (**emotion**)
- **Affection** and **persecution** arises for the Words sake
- **Offended or stumble_ (emotion)**
Offense is one of the many forms of **unforgiveness** (bitterness; anger...)
- Learn to forgive **quick!** Psalms 119:165 (ref)

3. THORNY GROUND – briars and thistles (thorn bush) - **Mark 4:18-19 (NKJV)**

- Three different **weeds** that choke good **seeds**
 - Cares of the world
Philippians 4:6 – “...be anxious for nothing, but in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving...”
 - The deceitfulness of riches
Deceit? Make us happy...bring peace...joy...
Mathew 6:33(ref)
 - Desire (lust) for other things
Covetousness period!
Hebrews 13:5(ref)/ Luke 12:15 (ref)

4. GOOD GROUND – **Mark 4:20 (NKJV)**

- **Hear** the word (understand it)
- **Accept** it - Embrace it as the final authority.
- Bear fruit (**act on it**) - 30 / 60 / 100 fold

TAKE AWAY

1. We choose to hear (**Ask, Seek and Knock**) - “he that has an ear to hear, **let** him hear”
2. **Accept** or **reject** the truth (seed)
3. The Word (seed) **changes us** and our lives.