

# RED LETTERS

## “Good Soil”

<sup>10</sup> His disciples came and asked him, “Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?” <sup>11</sup> He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. <sup>12</sup> To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. <sup>13</sup> That is why I use these parables, For they look, but they don’t really see. They hear, but they don’t really listen or understand.

**Matthew 13:10-13 (NLT)**

<sup>18</sup> “Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds: <sup>19</sup> The seed that **fell on the footpath** represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom **and don’t understand it**. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts.

<sup>20</sup> The seed **on the rocky soil** represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But **since they don’t have deep roots**, they don’t last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word. <sup>22</sup> The seed that **fell among the thorns** represents those who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the **worries of this life and the lure of wealth**, so no fruit is produced. <sup>23</sup> The seed that fell on **good soil** represents those who **truly hear and understand** God’s word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!” **Matthew 13:18-23 (NLT)**

**IT’S ALL ABOUT THE SOIL!**

**GOOD SOIL = CONDITION TO RECEIVE**

- 1. THE FOOTPATH**
- 2. THE SHALLOW**
- 3. THE THORNS**
- 4. THE FERTILE**

1. THE PARABLE (v. 1-9)
2. THE MEANING OF THE PARABLE (v. 18-23)
3. THE BIGGER PICTURE ABOUT RECEIVING (v. 10-17)

**THOSE WITH GOOD SOIL WANT MORE THAN THE CROWD**

- HC GROUPS: <https://heritagechurch.com/groups>

**THOSE WITH GOOD SOIL GET THE RESPONSE OF JESUS**

- October 2022 Baptism (SH Campus):  
<https://heritagechurch.com/events/baptism>
- October 2022 Baptism (IC Campus):  
<https://heritagechurch.com/events/baptism-ic>

**THOSE WITH GOOD SOIL ARE THE ONES WHO CHANGE THE WORLD**

<sup>12</sup> *I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. **Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the Lord,** that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.'*

**Hosea 10:12 (NLT)**