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Luke 8:4-15

1. The _____ soul

. . . some seed fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up (v. 5).

Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so they cannot believe and be saved (v. 12).

2. The _____ soul

Other seed fell on shallow soil with rock beneath. This seed began to grow, but soon withered and died for lack of moisture (v. 6).

Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away (v. 13).

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. Psalm 42:1-2a

3. The _____ soul

Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants (v. 7).

The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature (v. 14).

4. The _____ soul

Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown. When he said this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear" (v. 8).

The seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop (v. 15).

I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Lamentations 3:19-20

The most important thing about you is not what you achieve; it is the person you become. – Dallas Willard