

## What Kind Of Heart Do You Have?

Matthew 13:18-23

## The Gospel and the Heart

- Designed to penetrate hearts and change lives. Acts 2:36-37; James 1:21-23; Acts 15:8-9
- We decide what kind of heart we have. Matthew 13:14-15; 22:37
  - God calls on us to choose to have a new heart. Ezekiel 18:30-32

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## The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13:3-9

- Gives discernment and understanding to those ready to hear truth. 13:10-12, 16-17; Mark 4:13
- The dull, hard heart will not listen, learn, and live, Matthew 13:14-15
- “Therefore, hear the parable of the sower,” 13:18
  - Attend to, consider, perceive what is said.

**What kind of heart do you have?**

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## WAYSIDE: HARD, CLOSED HEART

Matthew 13:19

- **Chooses not to understand the word.**
  - We choose to understand the truth. (John 7:17)
  - When the devil is not resisted, belief is rejected and salvation is prevented. Luke 8:12
  - **REFUTES** “CALVINISM” – THE DIRECT OPERATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR SALVATION!
    - Heart receives God’s word or is hardened to it *by choice*. Hebrews 3:7-8 (10)
    - cf. Pharaoh’s heart.

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## WAYSIDE: HARD, CLOSED HEART

Matthew 13:19

- **What leads one to a hard, closed heart?**
  - Sin. Hebrews 3:12-14 (Deceitful, alluring, captivating)
  - Ingratitude and pride. Romans 1:21-22
  - Gospel is viewed as foolishness. 1 Corinthians 1:23

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## WAYSIDE: HARD, CLOSED HEART

Matthew 13:19

- **Does this describe your heart toward God’s word?**
  - When you hear its message about *Jesus/Christ?*
  - When you hear its message about *sin and salvation?*
  - When you hear its *plan of salvation?*
- Do not let the devil snatch the word from your heart! Matthew 13:19

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**STONY: SHALLOW, EMOTIONAL HEART**

Matthew 13:20-21

- **Failure to count the cost of discipleship is a heart problem.** Luke 9:57-62
  - Joyful beginning. Acts 8:39; 16:34
  - But, no root (13:21). Luke 14:25-33
  - Tests of faith come. 13:21; Proverbs 24:10, 16
  - **REFUTES** “CALVINISM” ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED. Luke 8:13
- **Immediately stumbles.** 13:21 (cf. 24:9-13)
  - Without deep faith we will separate ourselves from the love of Christ! Romans 8:37-39

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**THORNY: OVER-CROWDED HEART**

Matthew 13:22

- **Does not make room for God’s word.** Mark 4:19 (Luke 8:14)
  - Double-minded, unstable, impure. James 1:8; 4:8
  - Cares of the world. Matthew 6:24
  - Deceitfulness of riches. Luke 12:15
  - Desire of other things (pleasures). Proverbs 23:23
- **Forgets its cleansing from sin.** 2 Peter 1:8-9
  - **REFUTES** “CALVINISM” UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION (1 Timothy 2:4)

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**GOOD: HONEST AND GOOD HEART**

Matthew 13:23

- **Hears, understands, and receives the word.** Mark 4:20
  - Renewed by the word of God. John 15:4-5, 7; Ephesians 4:20-24 (23); James 1:21
  - Says: “*What must I do to be saved?*” Acts 16:30
    - **REFUTES** “CALVINISM” TOTAL, HEREDITARY DEPRAVITY
- **Bears fruit by patient obedience.** Luke 8:15
  - Endure by continuing to do good works. Matthew 10:22; Romans 2:7; Galatians 6:9

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**DID YOU HEAR THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER?**

- Did you learn what kind of heart you have?
- Did you learn what kind of heart you must have to be saved?
- What will you do with what you have heard? Acts 2:37-38, 41

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