

BIBLE READING 16 YEARS

LUKE CHAPTER 8 VERSES 4 to 15

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The Parable of the Sower

4 People kept coming to Jesus from one town after another; and when a great crowd gathered, Jesus told them this parable:
5 "Once there was a man who went out to sow corn. As he scattered the seed in the field, some of it fell along the path where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it up. 6 Some of it fell on rocky ground, and when the plants sprouted, they dried up because the soil had no moisture. 7 Some of the seed fell among the thorn bushes, which grew up with the plants and choked them. 8 And some seeds fell in good soil; the plants grew and produced corn, a hundred grains each." And Jesus concluded, "Listen, then, if you have ears!"
9 His disciples asked Jesus what this parable meant, 10 and he answered, "The knowledge of the secrets of the Kingdom of God has been given to you, but to the rest it comes by means of parables, so that they may look but not see, and listen but not understand.
11 This is what the parable means: the seed is the word of God. 12 The seeds that fell along the path stand for those who hear; but the Devil comes and takes the message away from their hearts in order to keep them from believing and being saved. 13 The seeds that fell on rocky ground stand for those who hear the message and receive it gladly. But it does not sink deep into them; they believe only for a while; but when the time of testing comes, they fall away. 14 The seeds that fall among the thorn bushes stand for those who hear; but the worries and riches and pleasures of this life crowd in and choke them, and their fruit never ripens. 15 The seeds that fall in the good soil stand for those who hear the message and retain it in a good and obedient heart, and they persist until they bear fruit.