

“Soil In Turmoil” – Matthew 13:1-23

INTRODUCTION: WHY did Jesus teach in parables? **Mt. 13:10**

- **13:1-2** – Many “*just didn’t get it*” – **13:11, 13:14** – Mark 4:10

I. WHAT IS THE SEED? The Word of God – **13:3, 13:19a**

- God’s Word can give LIFE to a dead soul – 1 Peter 1:23,
Romans 10:17

II. WHO IS THE SOWER? – **13:3** – Anyone who shares God’s Word.

III. WHAT ARE THE SOILS? – The human heart.

- We’re to scatter God’s Word everywhere – Mark 16:15

- It’s God’s responsibility for the harvest – 1 Cor. 3:6

- Jesus explains why some “*seed*” never take root.

1.- HARD HEART – **13:4, 13:19** – They’re just not interested –
2 Corinthians 4:3-4.

2.- SHALLOW HEART – **13:5-6, 13:20-21** – They act on impulse,
but have no personal relationship with Jesus – 1 John 2:19

3.- CROWDED HEART – **13:7, 13:22** – “*It isn’t enough that the
farmer loves his crop ... he must also hate weeds!*”

- The “*weeds*” choke out the good “*seed*” – 1 Timothy 6:10

- Where you find “*weeds*”, you find the potential for LIFE.

- To get rid of the “*weeds*” ... REPENT!

4.- FRUITFUL HEART – **13:8, 13:23** – They receive the Word.

- If you are saved, you WILL bear “*fruit*” – Matthew 7:20

- The “*fruit*” of salvation is discipleship & obedience – John 15:8,
John 8:31

APPLICATION: How can we produce more “*fruit*”, and GROW
as a Christian?

1.- PLOWING – Yield to the Holy Spirit to soften your heart.

2.- FERTILIZING – We “*wilt*” because we have a shallow root
system ... SO ... study God’s Word, Prayer, Church.

3.- WEEDING – Pull out those things that are crowding Jesus out
of your life.

- To “*weed*” properly ... REPENT! 1 John 1:9

CONCLUSION: **Matthew 13:9**