

The Thorny Soil

Luke 8:7, 14



Characteristics

- Positive
 - *It lives*
 - *It grows and survives*
- Negative
 - *Soil filled with weed seed*
 - *Word is unable to mature and yield*
- "That's not so bad, right...?"



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Characteristics

- A divided heart cannot serve God (Matthew 6:24)
- A distracted mind needs to repent (James 4:8)
- An unfruitful branch will be cut off (John 15:2)



Thorns

- Worry (Luke 8:14)
- Deceitfulness of wealth (Matthew 13:22)
- Pleasure (Luke 8:14)
- Desires for other things (Mark 4:19)



Examples

- Laodicea (Revelation 3:15-17)
- Corinth (1 Corinthians 3:1-4)
- Ananias & Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)
- Martha (Luke 10:38-42)



Questions

- *Do I prioritize serving God or just squeeze Him in?*
- *Am I aware of how much time I spend on unnecessary things?*
- *Is the Seed thriving in me, or just barely staying alive?*
- *What's preventing me from growing to maturity?*
- *Am I willing to make a hard decision that will free me to bear fruit?*