

People With Honest And Good Hearts

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Luke 8:1-18, vs. 15

Intro. **A.** In this parable of the sower Jesus spoke of people who have honest and good hearts.

1. They are people who hear the word of God.

2. They keep the word of God.

3. They bring forth fruit to maturity.

B. We have enough of the others.

1. There are those who will not receive the word of God. They allow the devil to steal it from their hearts.

2. There are some who receive it but they give way to temptation and fall away.

3. There are those who become choked by riches or cares or the pleasures of life and bring no fruit to completion. (Is there anything more disappointing than immature fruit falling from a tree)?

C. Today, we live in perilous times.

1. Paul gave to Timothy a littany of evil.

2. II Tim. 3:1-7

3. We desperately need people with honest and good hearts.

I. The Setting of The Parable.

A. What Jesus was doing.

Vs. 1 **1.** Jesus went to every city and village.

2. He preached, shewing them the kingdom.

"shewing" = κηρύσσω = to proclaim, a short, prepared statement.

3. He taught them the truths of the kingdom.

"glad tidings" = εὐαγγελίζω = to bring a joyful message.

B. The seed that fell by the way side. (2)

Vs. 12 1. They hear, but they don't welcome it.

2. They do not wish to be saved.

3. They permit devil to influence them.

C. Those that fell on a rock.

Vs. 13 1. They hear and receive the word with joy.

2. They have no root, "character", "passion".

3. They are short-lived in their service.

D. The seeds that fell among thorns.

Vs. 14 1. These, "go forth" to live for God.

2. They are choked by "things".

"Choked" = συμπιπιγω = "to suffocate by crowding".

3. "Cares" = μεριμνα = "dividing or distracting the mind", usually, these are things that cause us anxiety, such as trouble or fear.

4. "Riches" = πλοῦσος = "having or abounding in wealth". A combination of two words, much + more.

5. "pleasures of life" = ἡδονή (hedonism) = "delight", "enjoyment", "pleasurable sensation", (Latin Voluptas) "sensual pleasures"; "life" = βίος = "the life which we live", "the duration of our living" "Used only of lower life"

6. "... bring no fruit to perfection".
τελεσφορέω = "to bring to maturity", "of fruit, ripen".

E. The seeds that fell on good ground.

Vs. 15 1. The soil was rich and receptive.

2. "honest" = καλός = "beautiful", "comely", "noble".

3. "good" = ἀγαθός = "worthy of admiration".

4. "with open minds and in a right spirit" = Weg

5. "having heard the word, keep it".

6. "bring forth fruit, with patience".

7. "patience" = ὑπομονή = a remaining under, "a bearing-up under", "holding out".