

## THE SOWER AND THE SOILS

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“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.” Proverbs 25:11

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Most people who hear our witness will never produce fruit from changed lives because the Word of God we share is like seed falling onto poor soil.

The human heart is like soil: it must be prepared to receive the seed before that seed can take root and produce a harvest.

Not all true believers are equally as productive, but from every genuine Christian's life there will be some evidence of spiritual fruit. (Fruit inspection)

Each of the 3 fruitless hearts was influenced by a different enemy:

1. The Hard Heart – the Devil himself snatches the seed.
2. The Shallow Heart – the emotional (with joy) hearer – the flesh counterfeits with religious "feelings".
3. The Crowded Heart – the things of the world smother the growth and prevent a harvest.

The World, the flesh and the Devil – James 2:19