

The Parable of the Four Soils (Mark 4: 1-9)

1. The Hard Foot Path of hearing God's word without _____
(Birds steal the seed away because it can't sink into the soil and is exposed)
Blessed are those who fear to do wrong, but the stubborn are headed for serious trouble. (Proverbs 28:14 NLT)

2. The Rocky Ground with no _____ (People who fail under pressure because the Word has not taken deep enough roots in their minds)
"... and if the root be holy, the branches are too ... Remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you" (Romans 11:16, 18)

3. Weak Plants among Thorns (People who are interested in faith but get _____ up in the cares of the world)

Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority. (Colossians 2:6-10 NLT)

4. Healthy Plants in Fertile Soil (Christians who _____ and _____ and put that into _____)

But the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature together with its passions and appetites. (Galatians 5:22-24 AMP)