## "Hear then the parable of the sower."

- "When anyone hears the words of the kingdom, and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart."
- "And the one on whom seed was sown on the rocky place,
  this is the man who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy;
  yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary,
  and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word,
  immediately he falls away."
- "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns,
  this is the man who hears the word, and the worries of the world,
  and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful."
- "And the one on whom seed was seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit, and brings forth, some a hundred fold, some sixty and some thirty."

Matthew 13:18-23