

**Scripture:** Ten Commandments (Deut. 5) – Luke 8:1-21  
**Singing:** 14:1-4 – 140:1 – 384:1-5 – 27:1, 3 – 426:1, 5

## THE FOUR TYPES OF HEARERS OF THE WORD (2)

**I. Way-side Hearer:** (4, 19) *unprepared and unresponsive heart*

**II. Stony-ground hearer** (vs. 5-6, 20-21): *impulsive heart*

A. Stony-ground hearers must not be confused with 3<sup>rd</sup> type

1. Example of stony-ground hearers:

a. what attracted them in Jesus is *not His works as salvation from sin*

b. therefore cost of real discipleship was too high

**III. Thorny-ground hearer** (7, 22; Luke 8:14): *the halting – 2-minded hearer*

A. Jesus picture in this hearer an *outward Christian* without real fruit

1. They are church going people who show Christian traits in talk and walk

a. though the Word takes root but fails to bear fruit

2. Jesus identifies what prevent the Word from producing saving fruit

a. thorns and thistles choke but don't kill the plant

b. so many outward Christians choke the Word to bear fruit because of their pre-occupations with the earthly: *cares – riches – pleasures*

3. If you keep living like that, your name is Esau: Hebrews 12:16-17

**IV. Good-ground hearer** (Matt. 13:23; Luke 8:15) *meditating responsive hearer*

A. Jesus pictures those

1. who *hears and understands the Word* (Matt:13:23)

2. who *hears and receives the Word* (Mark 4:20)

3. who *hears and keeps the Word* (Luke 8:15)

B. What do you *do* with the Word because all *do something* with the Word?

C. Good ground hearer is *only fruitful hearer* though not all are equally fruitful

D. What fruits will be found in a good heart that heeds the Word of God?

1. fruit of awareness of my spiritual poverty:

2. fruit of godly sorrow over sin

3. fruit of humility

4. fruit of hunger:

5. fruit of faith in Jesus:

6. fruit of obedience:

