# THE ISSUE IS THE SOIL

Matthew 13:3b-9, 18-23

## I. The Parable

- A) The Sower
- B) The <u>Seed</u>
- C) The Wayside

Hodos - road, path, way, route

## D) The Stony Places

Petrōdes - rocky ground, often defined as a thin soil layer with bedrock or larger rocks just underneath

## E) The Thorns

Akantha – thorn plant, thornbush

#### F) The Good Ground

Kalos – good, healthy, serviceable

G) Hundredfold, Sixty, Thirty

# II. The Explanation

A) The Sower = <u>Presenter</u> of The Gospel

Mark 16:15

B) The Seed = The  $\underline{\text{Word}}$  of The Kingdom

Luke 8:11

Galatians 1:6-10

*Romans* 1:16

C) The Wayside = Hard <u>Hearted</u> Hearer

Psalm 14:1a

2 Corinthians 4:4

D) The Stony Places =  $\underline{\text{Depthless}}$  Hearer

Luke 8:13

*Matthew 5:3-4* 

1 John 2:19

2 Timothy 3:10-12

1 Peter 5:6-10

**Ezekiel 36:26** 

#### E) The Thorns = $\underline{Carnal}$ Hearer

Luke 8:14

1 Timothy 6:6-10

Matthew 6:24

1 John 2:15-16

### F) The Good Ground = $\underline{Regenerate}$ Hearer

Luke 8:15

*Galatians* 5:22-23

Philippians 1:11

Ephesians 2:10

#### G) Hundredfold... = Abundant Fruit

Closing Thought: The parable of the soils is all about the soils. The condition of one's heart (soil), determines the effect the seed (the Gospel) will have. What is the condition of your heart? Is it hard, shallow, full of the things of this world, or new and bearing much fruit?