

**Parable of the Sower
The Thorny Soil - The Worldly Heart
Mark 4:1-20 (pt. 3)**

I. Introduction

II. The Thorny Soil Explained. vv. 7, 18-19

A. The plant is surrounded by thorns. Mk. 4:7 (Jer. 4:3)

B. These hearers make a good showing for a season. v. 19
(Matt. 6:25, 1 Jn. 2:19)

**III. The Worldly Heart is Distracted and Derailed from Bearing Fruit.
vv. 18-19**

A. By excessive worry about the cares of the world. v. 19 (Tit. 2:11-13, 1 Jn. 2:15; Jas. 4:4, Phil. 2:19-20, 2 Cor. 11:28)

B. By the deceitfulness of riches. v. 19 (1 Tim. 6:9-10, Pro. 23:4-5, Matt. 6:24, Ps. 49:16-18, Phil. 4:11)

C. By an inordinate lust for other things. v. 19 (Lk. 8:14, 1 Jn. 2:15-17, Tit. 2:11-12)

IV. Uproot the Thorns in Your Life!

A. Some Biblical examples of worldly-hearted hearers. (Matt. 8:19-22, 19:16-26, 6:33)

B. Repentance is a necessary fruit of saving faith. (Is. 55:6-7, Col. 3:5, Luke 13:5-9; Matt. 13:44)

V. Conclusion / Application