

# How To Hear God Speak

Mark 4:3-20,23-25

- **The Farmer: God**
- **The Seed: His Word**
- **The Soil: Your Mind and Your Heart**

## 1. The Hardened Soil: The Closed Mind

*The road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word. (Mark 4:15, NASB)*

### **Hard Hearts Need To Be Cracked**

*Today when you hear his voice, **don't harden your hearts** ... Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. (Hebrews 3:7,12, NLT)*

## 2. The Shallow Soil: The Superficial Mind

*Seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; <sup>17</sup>and they have no firm root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away. (Mark 4:16-17, NASB)*

### **Shallow Hearts Need To Be Cultivated**

*Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another (Colossians 3:16, NASB)*

## 3. The Weedy Soil: The Preoccupied Mind

*Seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, <sup>19</sup>but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.(Mark 4:18-19, NASB)*

### **Crowded Hearts Need To Be Cleared**

#### **3 Types Of Weeds**

Life's Worries

Life's Riches

Life's Distractions

## 4. The Good Soil: The Responsive Mind

*Seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit (Mark 4:20, NASB)*

### **Fruitful Hearts Needs To Cooperate**

*Do not merely listen to the Word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says! (James 1:22, NIV)*