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- **Among the most familiar of the Lord's parables is the parable of the sower.**
- **It is found in three of the gospels.
(Matthew, Mark, and Luke)**
- **The parable illustrates how different hearts respond to God's word.**
- **Every person can find themselves somewhere in this parable!**

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- Some fell on good ground. It grew very well and produced a crop.

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- **“You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.”**

- Galatians 5:4

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- **“For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.”**

- 2 Peter 2:20

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- “Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.”

- 1 Corinthians 9:26-27

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- “And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.”

- Matthew 13:22

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- **“but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”**

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- **“but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,”**
- Ephesians 4:15

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- What kind of heart do you have?

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