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- The seed: The word of God. Luke 8:11
 - An incorruptible seed.
 1 Pet. 1:23
 - A seed that will always produce after its own kind. Gal. 6:7b, Gen. 1:11-12
 - A seed that will accomplish God's will.
 Isa. 55:10-11; Rom. 1:16-17



- The soil beside the road, a heart unwilling to take the word. *Luke 8:12*
 - Things that can hardened the heart of man:
 - Prejudice. *Matt.* 13:13-15
 - The deceit of sin. Heb. 3:13; Gen. 6:5
 - Looking only on the things of this world.
 2 Pet. 2:14; 1 John 2:15-17



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 - That is why Satan works hard at removing the word from our heart, and will use:
 - Deceit. 2 Thess. 2:9-12
 - Reassuring words. Gen. 3:4
 - Even will twist the Scriptures. Matt. 4:5-6



- The rocky soil: Those who at the first sign of trouble desert the Lord. *Luke 8:13*
 - Jesus mentions 3 reasons why so many fall away:
 - Affliction. Matt. 13:20-21; Luke 9:23
 - Temptation. Luke 8:13; cf. 1 Cor. 10:13
 - Persecution. *Matt.* 13:21; 10:34-36;

cf. James 1:2-4



- The thorny soil: Those who worry about things of life, and bare no fruit. *Luke* 8:14
 - Jesus mentions 3 reasons why there is no fruit:
 - Worries. Matt. 6:25-33; Phil. 4:6-7
 - Riches. 1 Tim. 6:9-10, 17-19
 - Pleasures of this life. Matt. 5:5; 1 Tim. 4:8



- The good soil: Those who receive the word implanted and bear fruit. Luke 8:15
 - The word can change our lives if willing to practice the word. James 1:21-25; Ps. 1:1-3
 - Our eternal life depends on being good soil.
 Matt. 7:16-19
 - The Lord will help us produce more.
 John 15:1-5, 8

