

# Repetition principle

If we hear something frequently,  
we may be persuaded.

Commercials

Alphabet

Multiplication tables

Illustrated in parable of the sower

(Mt.13; Mk.4; Lk.8)

# Why important?

1. Power is in the Word, not in us
2. Our reaction to Word determines kind of soil we are
3. Three of four soils failed
4. Warning: we are vulnerable, too

We can be  
good ground

# I. An Unholy Trio – Lk.8:4

# 1. Path (5). No interest

Devil  
12

Satan  
Mk.4:15

Evil one  
Mt.13:19

- Satan uses means, methods, and men to rob souls. Gn.15:11

# Species of satanic birds

- Atheists
- Pseudo-science. 1 T.6:20
- Islam. Rv.21:8
- Immorality. Many try to ignore sin...
- Indifference. Ac.24:24-25
- Mockery. Ac.2
- Denominationalism.

8 (*hear!*)

Mk.4:24 (*“Take heed what you hear”*)

1. Birds

## 2. Rocky ground (6)

- Trials, 13

- They are emotional (Jn.5:35)

*“be exceedingly joyful, overjoyed”*

- Lk.7:33

- They are impulsive (Mt.13:20-21)

Mt.13:6

No roots; withered away

1. Birds

2. Dry

3. **Thorns (7)**

**Worldliness (14)**

1. **Cares.**

2. **Riches.** Lk.6:24. 12. 16. 18.

3. **Pleasures . . . hedonism**

Innocent believers,  
Hb.11:25

Sinful hypocrites,  
Ja.4:3; Lk.8:14

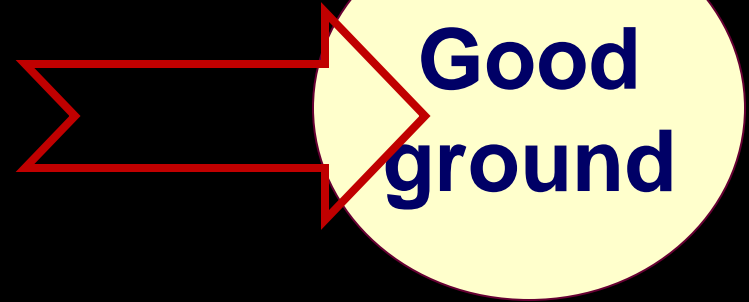
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II. One Holy Ground

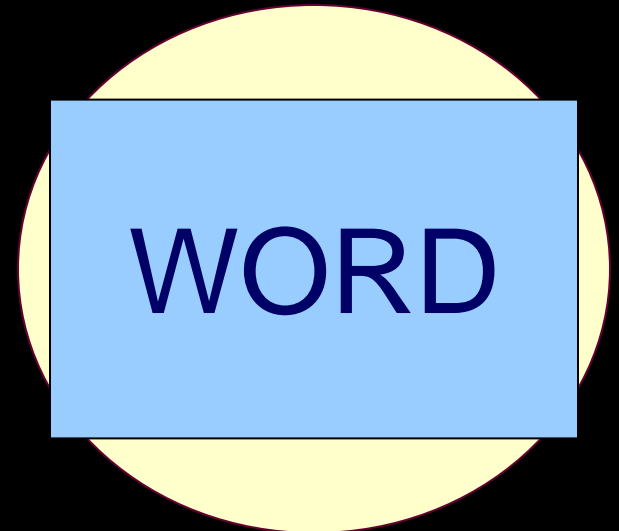


# Why “good ground”?

- Word goes into it (8)



- Word resides in it (15)  
[N]ASV; ESV



## 9-10 quotes Is.6:9-10

- Lk.8:10, that they may not see
  - God conceals the message
- Mt.13:13, because they will not see
  - God reacts to their attitude

Illustration: Corinth

Ac.18:1-6

Gospel exposes the grounds

1. The Word resides in them
2. They keep clinging to Word
  - Honest people who hear the Word become children of God

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3. They bear fruit, Ga.5:22-23



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## 4. They persevere

- Satan: equal opportunity attacker
  - Good ground learned to resist

Watch and pray  
Mt.26:41

Endure  
1 Co.10:13

# Good soil and bad contrasted

Good: clings to the word	Wayside: does not
Good: bears fruit	Thorny: does not
Good: keeps word and perseveres	Rocky: does not last

# Good soil and bad contrasted

- Good ground is *soft* (receptive); ct. 5
- Good ground is *deep* (rooted); ct. 6
- Good ground is *clean* (resolved); ct. 7

**Hate...yourself**, Lk.14:26 – unlike wayside

**Bear cross**, Lk.14:27 – unlike rocky

**Forsake all**, Lk.14:33 – unlike thorny

# Context continues the theme (Lk.8)

- 16-18, (Lk.8:44-45)
- 19-21, illustrates preceding parable
- 22-25 (Mk.4:34-45)

“My family” in 19-21  
is “good ground” in 15

Wind & sea  
obey

No question  
No complaint  
No excuse

Good ground  
obeys



# Conclusion

- Lk.8:8, he who has ears, let him hear
- Mk.4:24, take heed what you hear
- Lk.8:18, take heed how you hear
- Lk.8:19-21, do what you hear
- Lk.8:22-25, grow in faith by hearing