

Luke 8:1–15

New International Version (NIV)

The Parable of the Sower

¹ After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, ² and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; ³ Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod’s household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

⁴ While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: ⁵ “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. ⁶ Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.”

When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

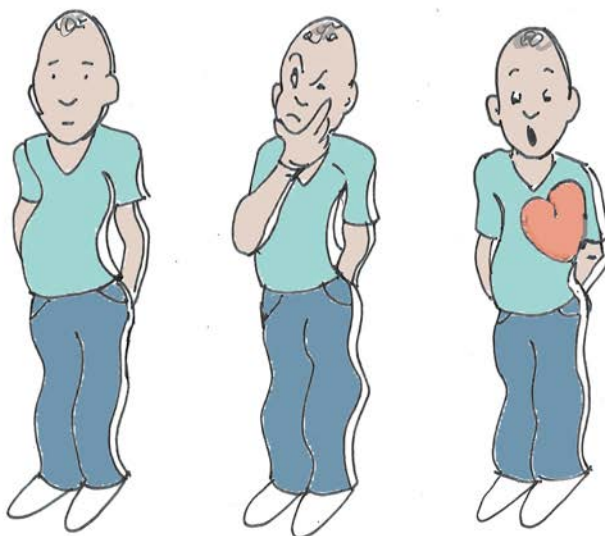
⁹ His disciples asked him what this parable meant. ¹⁰ He said, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,

“though seeing, they may not see;
though hearing, they may not understand.”

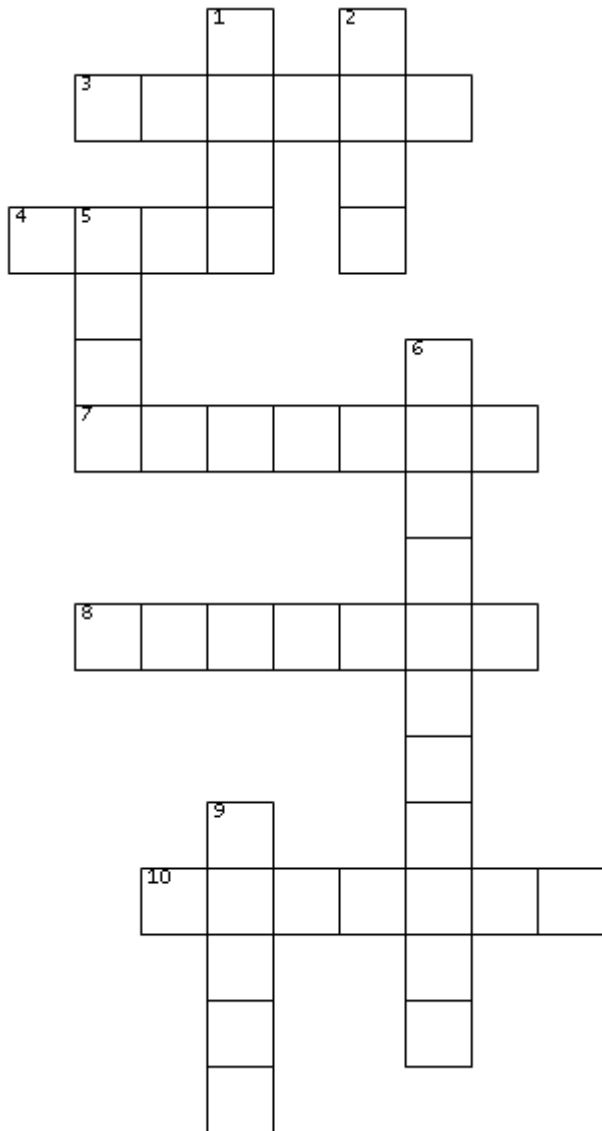
¹¹ “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. ¹² Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. ¹⁴ The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. ¹⁵ But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

Big Idea

**The blessing of encountering Jesus
comes to those who
hear and hold tightly His Word
and _____ in following Him
with _____ and faith**



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Word List

crop devil farmer good heart noble
 parable path rocky root seed
 testing thorns word worries

Across

- ...but as they go on their way they are ____ by life's worries, riches and pleasures,...
- The ____ is the word of God.
- These women were helping to ____ them out of their own means.
- His disciples asked him what this ____ meant.
- They believe for a while, but in the time of ____ they fall away.

Down

- ...a noble and good heart, who hear the ____, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.
- A farmer went out to sow his ____.
- Whoever has ____ to hear, let them hear.
- Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, ____ the good news of the kingdom of God.
- ...then the ____ comes and takes away the word from their hearts...

