

**Series: Good Soil**

**Sermon: Good Soil**

**Bible Verses: Mark 4:1-20**

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Jesus says "he who has ears to hear, let him hear" (v9) because he said something \_\_\_\_\_ that many people \_\_\_\_\_!

Rebellion, according to Ezekiel 12, is being \_\_\_\_\_ of hearing God's word but not carefully \_\_\_\_\_ it.

**The main question is this: "what kind of soil am I trying to \_\_\_\_\_ in?"**

1. **Missing the soil:** some people aren't allowing themselves to even have \_\_\_\_\_ at knowing God better.
2. **Rocky soil or shallow soil:** some people are very glad to hear the word of God but \_\_\_\_\_ during \_\_\_\_\_ and don't last long.
3. **Thorny soil:** some people heard God's words but eventually things in life choke out any spiritual life and \_\_\_\_\_.

Things that choke out spiritual life:

- \_\_\_\_\_ of this life
- deceitfulness of \_\_\_\_\_
- desire for "\_\_\_\_\_ things" besides God.

4. **Good soil:** some people hear and accept God's word, and \_\_\_\_\_ Spiritual fruit!

Putting yourself in good soil is about putting yourself in a place that encourages Spiritual learning and growth, and having a willingness to \_\_\_\_\_ what God is teaching you.

- The fruit Jesus is speaking of is helping people \_\_\_\_\_.
- The fruit is also personal \_\_\_\_\_ change.

**Think about the problems Jesus described and ask yourself:  
*what changes would it take for me to have "good soil"?***