

QUESTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. What is the condition of your heart. Is it hard and resistant? Is it shallow and impulsive? Is it divided and worldly? Or, is it responsive to God's Word over the long haul?
2. In light of this parable, should we give assurance of salvation to new believers? Why/why not?
3. How can we guard against worries, riches, and pleasures choking out the Word in our lives?
4. According to the passage, how are we to respond to the word in order to be fruitful?
5. When we sow the seed of the gospel, to what extent should we try to be persuasive and to what extent should we trust in the sovereignty of God? See 2 Corinthians 5:11, 20-21.

"Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life." Proverbs 4:23

"For you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God." 1 Peter 4:23

"Jesus makes it clear in the parable of the soils that the issue is not the gospel message, nor is it the skill or methodology of those proclaiming it. The determining factor is the condition of the hearer's heart." Mark Strauss

"See that your chief study be about your heart, that there God's image may be planted, and His interests advanced, and the interest of the world and flesh subdued, and the love of every sin cast out, and the love of holiness succeed." Richard Baxter

"FOUR HEART RESPONSES TO THE GOSPEL"

MARK 4:1-20

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Main point: True believers produce spiritual fruit.