

Text: Matt 13:1—9; 18—23
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The Heart of Dirt

1) The Hard Heart (13:3—4; 19)

2) The Superficial Heart (13:5—6; 20—21)

3) The Worldly Heart (13:7; 22)

4) The Fruitful Heart (13:8; 23)

GBC Application Questions

Grace Bible Church desires that you respond to this sermon by believing the gospel, obeying the Savior, and discipling the world for the glory of God. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God’s Word in order to see how this can be done.

1. Read Matthew 13:1—9 and then 18—23. Jesus told this parable to the large crowd who had gathered to hear him. What do you think the emphasis of the parable is? Is it a warning to his listening audience? Is it to teach the disciples what to expect as they go out to accomplish their mission?

2. There are some who teach that soils two and three represent genuine believers, but these believers do not bear any fruit. They are ‘carnal’ Christians. What do you think of that interpretation? If you would disagree with that position what in the text would support your conclusion?

3. If someone came to you and said, “I’m fearful...I’m afraid that I may have a heart that is being choked out by the thorns because I think I love the world too much.” What would you say to them? Where would you take them in Scripture in order for them to analyze their own heart? Should you say to them, “Oh, I’ve known you for a long time and I’m sure you’re saved!”? Should you confirm their salvation or avoid the subject?

4. Who is the sower in our day as represented in the parable? What is the seed? Take a moment and write out the ‘seed’ message that you would share with an unbeliever.

5. Take a moment and strategize and answer the question “How can I be more faithful planting the ‘seed’?”

6. How can you encourage someone else with what you’ve learned and thought through today? In what way could you hold someone accountable or have them hold you accountable?

<i>This Week’s Bible Reading:</i>			
<i>Sunday, June 20:</i> 1 Chronicles 7:1—8:40 John 14:25—15:17	<i>Monday, June 21:</i> 1 Chronicles 9:1—10:14 John 15:18—16:15	<i>Tuesday, June 22:</i> 1 Chronicles 11:1—47 John 16:16—17:5	<i>Wednesday, June 23:</i> 1 Chronicles 12:1—14:17 John 17:6—26
<i>Thursday, June 24:</i> 1 Chronicles 15:1—16:43 John 18:1—27	<i>Friday, June 25:</i> 1 Chronicles 17:1—19:19 John 18:28—19:15	<i>Saturday, June 26:</i> 1 Chronicles 20:1—22:19 John 19:16—37	<i>Sunday, June 27:</i> 1 Chronicles 23:1—24:31 John 19:38—20:18