

# PARABLE OF THE SOILS



# VARIETY OF SOILS – VARIED RESPONSES

- **Wayside Soil – Unresponsive heart (No)**
- **Rocky Soil – Superficial heart (Yes & No)**
- **Thorny Soil – Worldly heart (Yes, But...)**
- **Good Soil – Receptive heart (Yes)**

# **PRINCIPLES OF EVANGELISM**

- 1. The sower could be anyone.**
- 2. The seed is the Word of God.**
- 3. Sower sows into all sorts of soils.**
- 4. Evangelism is a spiritual warfare.**

# **PRINCIPLES OF EVANGELISM**

**5. Aim for the heart.**

**6. Only few of those who hear the Gospel are genuinely saved.**

**7. Some seeds will definitely fall on good ground.**

# PRINCIPLES OF EVANGELISM

## 8. Bearing fruit is the decisive difference.

- **“No fruit” indicates a lack of salvation.**
- **No fruit, because no root, no saving faith.**
- **Eternal life yields fruit. No fruit indicates no eternal life.**

# PRINCIPLES OF EVANGELISM

- **Fruit, not foliage, is the mark of true salvation.**
- **Fruit is the manifestation of Christian character – fruit of the Spirit (Gal.5:22-23).**
- **Degrees of Fruitfulness may vary.**

## **A VITAL SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLE**

- **In the teachings of Christ and of the apostles, the question is not on the apparent presence or some signs of life here and there, but on the permanence of that life, the proof of that life – the production of good fruit.**

## **A VITAL SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLE**

**“The proof of salvation is not listening to the Word, or having a quick emotional response to the Word, or even cultivating the Word so that it grows in a life. The proof of salvation is fruit, for as Christ said, “ye shall know them by their fruits” (Matt.7:16) – Warren Wiersbe.**