

# Soil Conservation with Jesus

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Romans 1: 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Mark 4:26-29 He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

## Four Soils Mark 4:3-9 and 14-20, Matt 13:1-23, Luke 8:4-15

1. \_\_\_\_\_ -> eaten by \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ takes away the sown word
2. \_\_\_\_\_ -> sprang up quickly but \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ so quickly fall away with trouble or persecution
3. Among \_\_\_\_\_ -> choked, no \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ of life, \_\_\_\_\_ of wealth and desire for other things
4. \_\_\_\_\_ soil -> produced \_\_\_\_\_ crop

How do we move from having unhealthy to healthy soil?

- Add \_\_\_\_\_ compounds
- Avoid \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- Get plenty of \_\_\_\_\_ (and God's Son)
- Tap into \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ others and ourselves

Colossians 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ God...move toward Him and away from \_\_\_\_\_

1 Samuel 15:22 But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

## 3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ with your level of \_\_\_\_\_

1 Timothy 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing...

## 4. Handle the \_\_\_\_\_ stuff with \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

James 1:4 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

## 5. Don't just \_\_\_\_\_ (have faith) \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ Him

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your steps.