

HOW TO HEAR GOD SPEAK

*"Jesus said... 'He who has ears to hear,
let him hear!'" (vs. 8b)*

- * The **Farmer** - *God*
- * The **Seed** - *His Word*
- * The **Soil** - *My Mind*

CULTIVATE AN OPEN MIND

*"... some seed fell along the path:
It was trampled on,
and the birds of the air ate it up." (vs. 5)*

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"Those along the path are those who hear, and then the devil comes along and takes away the word from their hearts, so they cannot believe and be saved." vs. 12

THE HARDENED PATH – A CLOSED MIND

3 Causes

- * **Pride**
- * **Fear**
- * **Bitterness**

CULTIVATE AN OPEN MIND

"Get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, and humbly accept the Word planted in you, which can save you." James 1:21

ALLOCATE TIME TO LISTEN

“Other seed fell on shallow soil with rock beneath. This seed began to grow, but soon withered and died for lack of moisture.” (v.6)

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"Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing, they fall away." (vs. 13)

The **SHALLOW** soil:

The **SUPERFICIAL** Hearer ...

“They received the word with joy ...
but they don’t have any root.” (v.13)

ELIMINATE THE DISTRACTIONS

"Other seed fell among thorns which grew up with it and choked the plants." vs. 7

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*"The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are **choked** by life's worries, riches, and pleasures, and they don't mature." vs. 14*

THE SOIL WITH WEEDS:

Three types of weeds:

Worries ...

Riches ...

Pleasure ...

COOPERATE WITH WHAT HE SAYS

"The seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it and by persevering produce a crop." vs. 15

*"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do what it says!**"*

James 1:22

What are **You** going to **Do**?