

The Seed and the Soils

God has good news to tell –
wonderful news that can
 bless every life beyond imagination,
news that will literally transform
 the entire world.

The news is
 God's new Kingdom,
 His glorious new relationship with
 all our race and with
 every individual.

He longs for each of us to
 accept and
 enjoy this new relationship.

It is free, and it brings
 untold wealth of
 joy and blessing.

So He spreads the news everywhere,
 to every mind and heart.

He is like a generous sower
 scattering seed over all kinds of soil,
 not wanting to miss a single spot
 where the soil might bear fruit.

But some soil is too hard,
 so the seed never penetrates it.

Some soil is too shallow for the seed to take root,
 so the seed springs up quickly
 but soon is withered by the hot sun.

Some soil is too thorny,
 too cluttered with fruitless plants
 that choke out the seed and
 give it no chance to bear fruit.

But some soil is good.
It gives the seed room to
 take root,
 grow, and
 bear abundant fruit.

How are you receiving God's precious seed,
 His wonderful news of

unbounded life and joy?
What kind of soil is
your mind and
your heart?
Are you receiving God's seed with faith,
giving it room to grow,
keeping your heart and mind weeded of
competing, fruitless priorities?

Realize that we receive from God,
not everything His infinite love longs to give,
but only what our hardened, shallow, cluttered hearts will allow.

Hymn: [The Seed and the Soils](#)

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