

SPIRITUAL TASK —THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER (Matthew 13)

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Story The Lord told the parable of the Sower illustrating how four different soils receive the seed that is cast on them: the wayside, the rocks with a small amount of soil, the thorns, and the good ground.

Meaning There are many ways to receive the truth we all do it one way or another. The question is, how receptive are we? What are our reservations or resistance to it, if any? Perhaps we are stubborn and think we know it all; perhaps we have the desire learn truth, but only for self gain; perhaps our own destructive desires squelch it in us; or maybe we are ready and willing to hear and obey the truth when it is presented to us.

Task If your heart (will) resists something your head (understanding) can teach it to want something different. If you feel stubborn about accepting truth into your heart tell yourself every day, “I want to love the truth and Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24) See if changing your thinking doesn’t change your willing.