





*“Listen!*

A farmer went out to plant some seed. <sup>4</sup>As he scattered it across his field, some of the seed fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate it. <sup>5</sup>Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seed sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup>But the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it didn't have deep roots, it died. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants so they produced no grain. <sup>8</sup>Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they sprouted, grew, and produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!” <sup>9</sup>Then he said,

“Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”

*Seed Sower*

<sup>14</sup>The farmer plants seed by taking God's word to others. <sup>15</sup>The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message, only to have Satan come at once and take it away. <sup>16</sup>*The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy.* <sup>17</sup>*But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word.* <sup>18</sup>The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, <sup>19</sup>but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced. <sup>20</sup>And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”

*Seed Sower*

*“And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love.”*

*Ephesians 3:17 (The Living Bible)*

*Seed Sower*



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*Seed Sower*

*The Soil Test:*

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting"*

Psalm 139

*Seed Sower*

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<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;"><i>No fruit:</i></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;"><i>Hard Heart</i></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;"><i>No roots</i></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;"><i>Conflicting priorities</i></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;"><i>Fruitful:</i></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;"><i>Soft Heart</i></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;"><i>Rooted (in God's Love)</i></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;"><i>Focused priorities</i></p>
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*Seed Sower*

*the Seed & the Sower*

sermon series from  
June 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

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