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- ➔ **Mark 4:13** - If you don't understand this parable of the sower and the seed, you won't understand any parables.

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- ➔ **Ezekiel 36:25-27** And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put in you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

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- ➔ **MARK 10:17- 18 AMP** As He was leaving on His journey, a man ran up and knelt before Him and asked Him, “Good Teacher [*You who are essentially good and morally perfect*], what shall I do to inherit eternal life [*that is, eternal salvation in the Messiah’s kingdom*].



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- **MARK 10:17-18** Jesus says. There is nothing good apart from God. Why do you call me good? Jesus answered. No one is good-except God alone.

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Question

- ➔ Is the parable teaching that the (seed) Word of God must fall on perfect (good) soil in order to produce lasting fruits?



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➔ God's
gardener is
REPENTANCE





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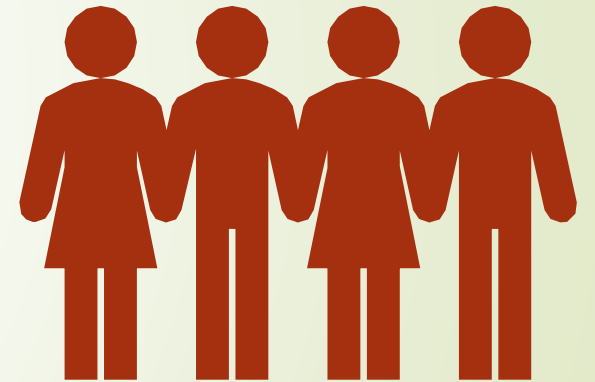
Matthew 3:2 - Repent for
the kingdom of God is near



Matthew 4:17 From that
time on Jesus began to
preach, "Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven is
near."

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2 Peter 3:9-10 The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to **repentance**.



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Question



**What is the
parable really
teaching and
what is the
proper and
appropriate
response of the
hearer?**



**What's
Jesus
saying
to me.**

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Question

- ➔ Can we as Christians have any influence on the conditions of the **unrepentant heart** of the **unrepentant person** of the **unrepentant soil**?





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John 6:44 No man **Comes** to God unless the Father who sent me draws him.

John 14:6 I am the way the truth and the life, no man **Comes** to the Father except through me.



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Question



How can we assist God in bringing hard, shallow and choked people to himself.



What difference does prayer make to the gardener tilling the heart soil.



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John 15:7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, **ASK** whatever you wish, and **it will be given**



John 15: 16-17 You did not choose me, but I choose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then **the Father will give** you whatever you **ASK** in my name.



John 16: 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. **ASK** and **you will receive**, and your joy will be complete

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Philippians 4:6

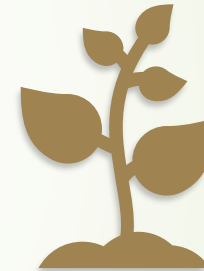
Action: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by **prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.**

Result: And the peace of God the **transcends all understanding**, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Challenge for 2019



How can God use us to cultivate the undesirable soil?

Prayer is a necessary element and catalyst in calling out to the Gardener to till the soils of the heart.

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Our Prayer life

- ▶ Act of Warfare against opposition
- ▶ Act of Worship in gratefulness

