The Parable Of The Sower

Matthew 11:15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Matthew 13:15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. <u>Their ears are hard of hearing</u>, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and <u>hear with their ears</u>, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'

Luke 8:11 "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Luke 8:18 Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."

I. The Wayside Hearer

Matthew 13:19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

James 1:23-24 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

II. The Stony Ground Hears

Matthew 13:20-21 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

III. The Thorny Ground Hearer

Matthew 13:22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

Luke 10:39-42 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." 41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

IV. The Good Ground Hearer

Matthew 13:23 <u>But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it</u>, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."