

Series: A THRIVING HEART

Title: How is your Heart?

Text: (Matt 13:3-8; 18-23)

Series Theme Verse: (Prov 4:23)

Today is @ Heart Health, or Heart Healthy Choices
The Heart is an Amazing Organ.

The Condition of our heart Matters Most:
Physically & Spiritually

Hard Heart: (Job 41:24)

Soft Heart: (Job 23:16)

Deceived Heart: (Jer 17:9)

(Prov 4:23) This tell us that
“The Heart of the Matter is a Matter of the Heart.”

The Parsable of the Sower: (Matt 13) (Mark 4)

Where's the Fruit: Matt 21:17-22

God wants us to Bear Fruit: John 15:8

We are known by our Fruit: Matt 7:16-20

Fruits God is looking for: Gal 5:22-23

Vs 3: Sowing: Broadcast, unlike modern planting machines.

Vs 4, 12 The Wayside:

Vs 19. Understandeth it not

Unreasoning Heart: Lost, Heart & Mind Closed.

Undiscerning Heart: Don't understand. (1 Cor 2:14)

Uninterested Heart: Are Not Interested.

Setup your Spiritual Scare Crow!

Take notes during the Sunday School & Preaching!

Say amen when you agree!

Don't leave during the service: Water & Fodder b/4

Take notes during your Devotions; Journal;

Meditate/Memorize: Write a verse on a 3x5

Write down your questions,

Vs 5: Stony Places: Hard places that roots cant penetrate.

These are lost people:

Even us Saved People have Hard spots!

[No Fruit: No Love, Joy] (Gal 5:22-23)

[Peace, Gentleness] (Hosea 10:12)

Vs 20: “Not Root in Himself”

Make it Personal:

Find the [Principle] in the Word of God

Set a Personal [Conviction]

Set a Personal [Standards]

Get into the Word!

(Jer 23:29) *God's word busts up Hard Ground!*

Vs 21: “Ariseth”

Vs 7: Thorns

Vs 22: “Care of this world”

This happens to Lost or Saved people:

No Fruit: (Gal 5:22-23) [Faith, Meekness]

(Gal 5:22-23) [Temperance]

It's time to realign our lives in Prayer!

Vs 22: “Deceitfulness of Riches”

“Lust of Other Things” (The Most Insidious) (Mark 4:19)

Vs 8 & 23 Good Ground

[People /Areas to Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering]

Salvation [Gentleness, Faith, Goodness, Meekness]

These are Saved People - God sowed the Word of God

Their heart was ready to receive the Word

(1 Pet 1:23)(John 1:12)(Mark 1:15)

What does this tell us about humanity?

3 out of 4 hearts are incapable of accepting the Word of God,

The Wayside:

The Stony Places:

The Thorns:

These can be applied to Christians:

All of us have areas where our spiritual crop yield is weak!

(Vs 4 & 12) The Wayside:

Setup your Spiritual Scare Crow! How do I do that?

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Say amen when you agree!

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Take notes during your Devotions; Journal;

Meditate/Memorize:

Write down your questions,

Vs 5: Stony Places: Very Shallow soil on top of bedrock.

Challenge yourself.

Keep your devotional life interesting.

Take a KBBI class.

Borrow books from the church library.

As Christians:

Those Areas where you can't take criticism.

[No Fruit: No love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance:]

Those areas you excuse by saying “I'm not hurting anyone”
(Hosea 10:12) *Time to Bust up that hard ground!*

[Fallow Ground]

Vs 20: “*Not Root in Himself*”

Make it Personal: *Write down the Principle*

Write out the Conviction

Write out the Standard.

Get into the Word! (Jer 23:29) *God's word busts up Hard Ground!*

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Revival Services are coming up in October.

It is time that we Christians prepare for God to work!

Vs 8 & 23 Good Ground

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