

The Sower

What is God's job?

What is my job?

The seed is the word of God.

The heart is the soil.

Humbly accept the word God has
planted in your heart.

James 1 v21

The first soil is hard, it is a footpath.

Test: Do you let God's word personally penetrate your heart? Or does it stay intellectual, you never apply it?

Second soil is rocky.

Rocks of bitterness, regret.

Test: The things you can't have, or lose,
are the things you really worship,
bitterness and regret stop faith growing.

Third soil - Thorns grow in it.

The worries of life.

The deceitfulness of wealth.

The desire for other things.

Worries of life.

Is the devil trying to choke the plans God has for your life?

Is he trying to fill your head with things that could go wrong? Distracting you from your hope and trust in God?

The deceitfulness of riches.

Income, position, title, accomplishments, influence.

Deceitfulness of riches is whatever makes you not trust God anymore.

Getting your identity from income, title, accomplishment, influence is counterfeit to your identity in Christ.

The desire for other things.

The appetite for the wrong thing can
move us away from God.

Often comparison leads to the desire for
other things, comparison is the problem.

Test for thorny soil

You have roots, your faith isn't shallow, you are committed to Christ, but you are also committed to the world. To work or to other things that compete with your commitment to God, or to time you can give to God.

These things choke your growth in God, your relationship with God, your fruitfulness for God.