

They believe for a while but when their faith is tested they abandon it.”

The Hard soil represents a closed mind; shallow soil represents a \_\_\_\_\_.

Five commitments to help you get started:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Bible Study
  2. I commit to build \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  3. I commit to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  4. I commit to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  5. I commit to worship God weekly with my spiritual family
3. I MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible calls these distractions \_\_\_\_\_.

### Luke 8:7;14 NLT

<sup>7</sup> “Some seed fell among thorny weeds. But the weeds grew up and choked the good plants.”

<sup>14</sup> “The thorny ground represents those who hear and accept the message but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life.”

Jesus, in this verse points out three kinds of weeds:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Luke 8:8;15 NLT

<sup>8</sup> “Still other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!”

<sup>15</sup> “And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God’s word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.”



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## Luke 8 Parable of the Farmer Scattering Seed

### Luke 8:4-15 New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>4</sup> One day Jesus told a story in the form of a parable to a large crowd that had gathered from many towns to hear him: <sup>5</sup> "A farmer went out to plant his seed. As he scattered it across his field, some seed fell on a footpath, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it. <sup>6</sup> Other seed fell among rocks. It began to grow, but the plant soon wilted and died for lack of moisture. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns that grew up with it and choked out the tender plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!" When he had said this, he called out, "Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."

<sup>9</sup> His disciples asked him what this parable meant. <sup>10</sup> He replied, "You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of

God. But I use parables to teach the others so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled:

'When they look, they won't really see.

When they hear, they won't understand.'

<sup>11</sup> "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is God's word. <sup>12</sup> The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and prevent them from believing and being saved. <sup>13</sup> The seeds on the rocky soil represent those who hear the message and receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they believe for a while, then they fall away when they face temptation. <sup>14</sup> The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity. <sup>15</sup> And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.

**When you give your life to Jesus Christ and turn from sin that's called \_\_\_\_\_.**

**When you grow in your relationship with Christ and become like him that's called \_\_\_\_\_.**

### Luke 8:4-15 Definitions:

Farmer = \_\_\_\_\_ Seed = \_\_\_\_\_

Soil = \_\_\_\_\_ Weeds = \_\_\_\_\_

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**1. I MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_**  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### Luke 8:5;12 NLT

<sup>5</sup> "A farmer went out to plant some seed and he scattered it across his field. Some seed fell on a footpath where it was stepped on. And the birds came and they ate it."

<sup>12</sup> "The hard path where some seed fell represents the hard hearts of those who hear the words of God but the devil comes and steals the words away and prevents people from believing and being saved."

A hard ground represents a \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. I MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_**  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Spiritual growth, spiritual maturity \_\_\_\_\_.

### Luke 8:6;13 NLT

<sup>6</sup> "Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. This seed began to grow but soon it withered and died for lack of moisture."

<sup>13</sup> "Some people are like the seeds on rocky soil. They welcome the word with joy whenever they hear it, but they don't develop any roots.