

KING FOR ALL #16

Luke's Gospel



Hearing - Luke 8:1-21

A. SERMON POINTS

1. The problem (v1-3)
2. The parable (v4-10)
3. The people (v11-15)

Complacent Chloe

Superficial Sam

Preoccupied Pete

Fruitful Fred

4. The point (v16-18)
5. The puzzlement (v19-21)

B. FROM THE BIBLE

1. V1-3. Note that Jesus welcomed women as friends & onto his ministry team.
2. V4-15. What sorts of people do the four kinds of soil represent?
3. V16-21. What do these verses teach about: (a) the responsibilities and (b) the privileges of Jesus' followers?
4. Why did Jesus use parables in his teaching? (v9, 10) Do verses 4 & 18 provide a clue?

C. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME

1. What experience have you of the truth of this parable in yourself and in others?
2. V18. We would do well to examine our lives: do we exercise care in how we respond to the Word of God? Can you point to places in your life where you have done something (or refrained from doing something) simply because you wanted to put Jesus' words into practice?
3. Are you able to discern threats to the growth of the "seed" (fruitfulness) in your life? Are there ways that you may have allowed the devil, or life's trials, or the deceitfulness of riches to choke the growth of God's Word?

D. PRAYER SUGGESTION

Prayer for our Youth & Children's Ministry leaders

Heavenly Father, Thank you so much for those who so faithfully teach our youth and children your Word in our church, they are a wonderful gift from you.

We pray that over the next term they might be encouraged.

We ask that you would continue to inspire and equip them by your Word and Spirit for this amazing work that you have called them to.

Father, may they not lose sight of the eternal value of the work they do, may they trust you when it's tough and be certain of your huge love and the crown of glory that awaits.

Help them to keep pointing our young people to Jesus.

Amen