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Sermon Outline

“The Parable of the Four Soils”
*Luke 8:1-15*

1. The content of the parable: a familiar scene of a sower and his seed (vv. 4-8)
2. The purpose of the parables: to reveal spiritual truths to receptive hearts and to conceal spiritual truths from hardened hearts (vv. 9-10; Isaiah 6:9)
3. The meaning of the parable: God’s truth yields abundant harvest when it falls on fertile hearts. (vv. 11-15)
	* The sower: anyone who shares the Gospel message
	* The seed: the Word of God
	* The soil: there are four kinds of hearts in those who hear God’s Word.
		+ The path: the hard, unreceptive heart (v. 12)
		+ The rocky ground: the shallow, superficial heart (v. 13)
		+ The thorny ground: the strangled heart (v. 14)
		+ The good soil: the receptive heart (v. 15)