

SEEK...YE FIRST
"Love" - Part 5 of 6
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A FARMER WENT OUT TO _____

THE SEED _____

- **FOOTPATH** - _____
...some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up.
- **ROCKS** - _____
Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture.
- **THORNS** - _____
Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants.
- **SOIL** - _____
Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."

MINISTRY IS - _____

THE KEY TO MINISTRY IS TO _____

8 "While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: ⁵"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. ⁶Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."

When he said this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

⁹His disciples asked him what this parable meant. ¹⁰He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,

"though seeing, they may not see;
though hearing, they may not understand."

¹¹"This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. ¹²Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. ¹⁴The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. ¹⁵But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

Luke 8:4-15 (NIV)