

## “The Call to Yield”

James 1:16-25

**Critical Concept:** An individual is personally made alive in Christ through the Word of God and continues to be transformed as they humbly listen for God to speak to them through His Word and actively live out what He is saying.

### I. God's Word Leads to Life.

A. Regeneration through the Word of Truth

B. Remember the dreadful consequences of being "lured away"

### II. Listening Carefully for God to Speak.

A. The proper approach

B. The essential attitude

### III. Actively Applying God's Word.

What is God Saying to Me? *(Personal Application)*

## The Parable of the Sower

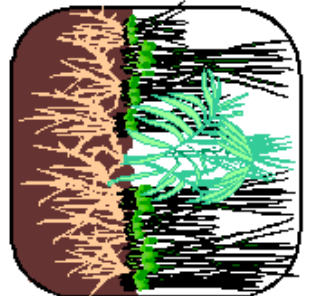
### The Seed is the Word of God



The Path



The Rocky Soil



The Weedy Soil



The Good Soil

### What type of Soil are You?

### Is God Growing in Your Heart?

*“Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.” (Mt. 13:18-23)*