

CHECK YOURSELF PART II

Why I Act The Way I Do

*Pastor Epting's
Sermon Notes
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“And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.” Mark 4:10-20 KJV

WAY SIDE - SURFACE HEART

1. The birds came and ate the seed, Satan represents the birds
2. Wayside is not a great place to plant because there is too much traffic and gets hard

STONY PLACES - SHALLOW HEART

1. The attitude in which they received the word is with gladness
2. They received the word on an emotional level
3. You should receive the word in your spirit

THORNS - SUFFOCATED HEART

1. Plant begins to grow but the thorns and thistles begins to choke them out
2. Thorns and thistle represents the deceitfulness of riches

GOOD GROUND - STELLAR HEART

1. Seed is potential and possibility. A tree in disguise.
2. Seed hides its value, you cannot see the worth of a seed. Seed unveils the mystery of the fruit
3. You will have patience to let seedy things grow. And you will pull away anything that will hinder the development of the purpose of the seed.
4. You will produce

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