



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

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- 1) Me.
- 2) God.
- 3) The Bible.
- 4) The Angels.

What is the seed?

- 1) Food.
- 2) Wisdom.
- 3) Prayer.
- 4) God's Word.

What does the soil represent?

- 1) Our hearts.
- 2) Our minds.
- 3) Our churches.
- 4) Our homes.

How would you describe your heart?

- 1) Fertile ground.
- 2) Shallow and full of thorns.
- 3) In need of a gardener.
- 4) Hopelessly hard and stony.

When have you planted seeds for the kingdom of God? Explain:

When have you seen growth from your witness? Explain:

Bonus Parable: The Growing Seed

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Some say the seed stands for God's Word. How can God's Word help your faith grow strong?

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| 2) Harvesting. | 4) Watering. |

In what places did the seed fall?

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| 1) Rocky soil. | 3) Shallow soil. | 5) Fertile soil. |
| 2) Sandy soil. | 4) Muddy soil. | |

What things interfered with its growth?

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| 1) Rain. | 4) Bugs. | 7) Heat. |
| 2) Rocks. | 5) Disease. | |
| 3) Thorns. | 6) Birds. | |

What crop resulted? (See Luke 8:8.)



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