

The Secret of Being Fruitful

Matthew 13:1-23

Key Verse: 23

1. How did Jesus manage to teach the large crowd? What is a parable? Why did Jesus use parables? (1-3a)
2. Describe the parable of the sower. (3b-8) Who is the farmer? What is the seed? What did Jesus mean by "Whoever has ears, let them hear"? (9)
3. What does the disciples' question show about them? What privilege did the disciples receive? (10-11, 16-17) What did Jesus mean in verse 12? According to Jesus' quotation of Isaiah, what was the people's spiritual problem? (14-15) What might cause a calloused heart? How can we overcome a calloused heart?
4. Describe the meaning of the four types of soils. (18-23) Can you identify yourself with one of them? Why is fruit-bearing important? (Ge 1:28) How can we bear abundant fruit?