



GOOD GROUND

Fruitfulness in the Desert

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- God wants good for your life.
- He has given you instructions on how to find it.
- Our job is to be good ground for God's instructions.

Matthew 13:23

The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"

Matthew 13:20-21

The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word.

They have joy in trusting God when things are easy.
When trouble hits they fall away.
Because they don't have roots.

>> When it comes to following God, how do we become people who have **deep roots**?

Jeremiah 17:7-8

"But blessed are those who trust in the LORD
and have made the LORD their **hope and confidence.**
They are like trees planted along a riverbank,
with roots that reach deep into the water.
Such trees are not bothered by the heat
or worried by long months of drought.
Their leaves stay green,
and they never stop producing fruit.

>> My trust is in God, not in his instructions.

>> Christianity is not a system of morals, but it is obedience to a good father.

>> Obedience is not an ends to a means, but it is trusting that God has your best in mind.

>> It is obedience that gives you hope for fruitfulness in your future.

>> Our hope is in the one whose stream does not go dry in the middle of a drought.