



One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.



And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Bill Bradley I've made my choice...I love Jesus Christ and I try to serve Him to the best of my ability. How about you?"



Living to glorify God means doing everything... for Him, His way, to point to His greatness and to reflect His goodness.

Josh Harris

I have undergone a massive shift in regard to my faith in Jesus. The popular phrase for this is "deconstruction," the biblical phrase is "falling away." By all the measurements that I have for defining a Christian, I am not a Christian.

LUKE 8:4

And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable

MARK 4:1

Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land.

PARABLE

A short story that uses familiar scenes and everyday objects and relationships to explain spiritual truths.

Matthew 13:10-13

The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance...

Matthew 13:10-13

... Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:: "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing

Matthew 13:10-13

...For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.

Isaiah 6:9-10

And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be



SEED – The Word of God

SOWER – Jesus (or Anyone)

SOILS – Hearts of Those Listening

LUKE 8:5,1 "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved



For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God



The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

UKE 8:6,13

And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture...And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away

LUKE 8:7, 1 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it...And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world...



... The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever

LUKE 8:8,15

And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."... As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

Matthew 10:22

You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved



They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

Colossians 1:21-23

And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach— if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast,...



...and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

Galatians 5:22

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit

Galatians 5:19-23

...But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

Matthew 7:19-20

Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "So then, you will know them <u>by their fruits</u>.

JOHN 15:16

You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

Romans 7:4

Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God

