



## HEARING — BUT NOT LISTENING

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### THE PURPOSE BEHIND JESUS' USE OF PARABLES

LUKE 8:9-10; MATTHEW 13:13-15; MARK 4:11-13

- ① Jesus began to use parables to \_\_\_\_\_. His teaching from some and to \_\_\_\_\_ it to others.
- ② By teaching in parables, Jesus did not keep back anything which people were both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to understand.
- ③ Jesus viewed His teaching by parables as a fulfillment of \_\_\_\_\_. ISAIAH 6:9-10
- ④ This new teaching emphasis by Jesus (which was simultaneously concealing and revealing) concerned the \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom of God.
- ⑤ Those from whom the mysteries of the kingdom of God are concealed are \_\_\_\_\_, whose condemnation is thereby sealed.

### WHY DO PEOPLE RESPOND THE WAY THEY DO?

- ① The Foot Path = A \_\_\_\_\_ heart.
  - If you can \_\_\_\_\_ the message today and you continue to not believe the gospel, you are not the only one \_\_\_\_\_ in your unbelief.

ZECHARIAH 7:11-13; HEBREWS 3:13; 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-4; COLOSSIANS 1:13-14
- ② The Rocky Place = A \_\_\_\_\_ commitment.
  - The quickness of their response is an indication of their lack of \_\_\_\_\_, or their lack of perception as to what the gospel \_\_\_\_\_.

MARK 4:16-17; 1 PETER 4:12-13 & 1:3-9
- ③ The Briar Patch = \_\_\_\_\_ priorities.
  - These people here are \_\_\_\_\_; they're chasing so many good things that the better things seldom get their \_\_\_\_\_.

MARK 4:18-19; MATTHEW 6:25-34; 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-12
- ④ The Fertile Plot = A \_\_\_\_\_ heart.
  - We are saved, not only to escape \_\_\_\_\_, but to attain to "the \_\_\_\_\_ of the stature of the fullness of Christ" and to "bear \_\_\_\_\_ fruit."

1 CORINTHIANS 2:14 – 3:3; EPHESIANS 4:13-16; JOHN 15:2-5; MARK 4:8

  - To fall short of this goal (even though you may have been \_\_\_\_\_) is to fail to attain that for which you were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

ROMANS 8:28-29; EPHESIANS 1:4 & 5:27; COLOSSIANS 1:21-22; 2 PETER 1:5-11