



**THE MORAL OF THE STORY**  
 Pt. 1 – *“The Story Of A Farmer & His Field”*  
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**4 SIGNS OF A HEALTHY HEART**  
 (MATTHEW 13: 19-23)

*“A large crowd soon gathered around Him, so he got into a boat. Then He sat there and taught as the people stood on the shore. He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one: “Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn’t have deep roots, they died. Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”*

Matthew 13:2-8 (NLT)

**1. A HEALTHY HEART IS AN \_\_\_\_\_ HEART.**

*“The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don’t understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts.” – vs. 19*

**2. A HEALTHY HEART IS A \_\_\_\_\_ HEART.**

*“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.” – vs. 20-21*

**3. A HEALTHY HEART IS AN \_\_\_\_\_ HEART.**

*“The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced.” – vs. 22*

**4. A HEALTHY HEART IS A \_\_\_\_\_ HEART.**

*“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!” – vs. 23*

*“Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”*  
 Matthew 13:9 (NLT)

**3 TRUTHS ABOUT THE FARMER & HIS FIELD**

**1. THE ONLY REASON A FARMER \_\_\_\_\_ IS BECAUSE HE WANTS A \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. WE ARE THE FIELD THAT GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ INTO, AND THE FRUIT WE PRODUCE IS FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF OTHERS.**

**3. THE SIZE OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE FIELD.**