

**CULTIVATING A SPIRITUAL HARVEST**  
**Matthew 13:1-9 and 18-23**

**3 THINGS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO CULTIVATE A HARVEST:**

**First, You Need To** \_\_\_\_\_

- Verse 4, "...some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up."  
Verses 18 and 19, "...When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away..."
- The paths around the field were packed down hard because of all the people walking on them. Similarly, some people's hearts are hard.
- 1 Peter 1:13, "...prepare your minds..."
- Steps to prepare yourself: sleep, Sun AM devo, personal application

**Second, You Need To** \_\_\_\_\_

- Verse 5, "Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil..."  
Verses 20 and 21, "The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and receives it with joy. But since he has not root, he lasts only a short time..."
- Many Christians wilt because they have shallow root systems.
- 1 Timothy 3:9, "...keep hold of the deep truths of the faith..."
- Steps to put down roots: go to church EVERY week, read the Bible and pray EVERY day

**Third, You Need To** \_\_\_\_\_

- Verse 7, "Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants..." Verse 22, "The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful."
- Matthew 6:31, 33, "Do not worry, saying..." "But seek first His kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well."
- Steps to pulling the weeds: tithe, serve others

**Verse 23, "But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."**

**WHAT KIND  
OF SOIL ARE YOU?**