

Emancipating Greatness: Preparing for Greatness
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Genesis 1:27 NLT

God created human beings **in his own image. In the image of God** he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:28 NLT

God blessed them and said, “**Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign** over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

GREATNESS is living **confident** in who God made me to be, using the unique **gifts** He put in me for His glory around me!

Genesis 1:11 ESV

And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, **each according to its kind**, on the earth.” And it was so.

You TEACH what you KNOW, but you REPRODUCE who you ARE.

Matthew 13:3-9 NLT

Jesus 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! Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”

Matthew 13:18-23 NIV

“Now **listen** to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds: 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. 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. 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. 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!”

4 Types of Hearts

1. Footpath

The enemy believes in the power of what God wants to do in your life, even if you don’t!

4 Types of Hearts

2. Rocky

Q // Do I have an excited faith or a deep faith?

4 Types of Hearts

3. Thorns

Q // What in your life is blocking your sun & stealing your rain, so you can’t blossom for God?

4 Types of Hearts

4. Good Soil

Ezekiel 36:26 NIV

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; **I will remove from you your heart of stone** and give you a heart of flesh.

Psalm 1:1-3 NIV

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, **but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water**, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

Hebrews 12:1 NIV

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, **let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.** And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us...

When it comes to the fruit of our lives, the problem is never with God's seed; the problem is with our soil.

Healthy seeds hitting a healthy heart produce a healthy harvest.

“DO I WANT TO BE HEALTHY?”