

LUKE'S GOSPEL

INVESTIGATING THE MAN WHO IS GOD

WHO IS JESUS?



**Take Care How
You Hear**



Luke 8:4-5 (ESV)

⁴ And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: ⁵ “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.

Luke 8:6-8 (ESV)

⁶ And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸ 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.”

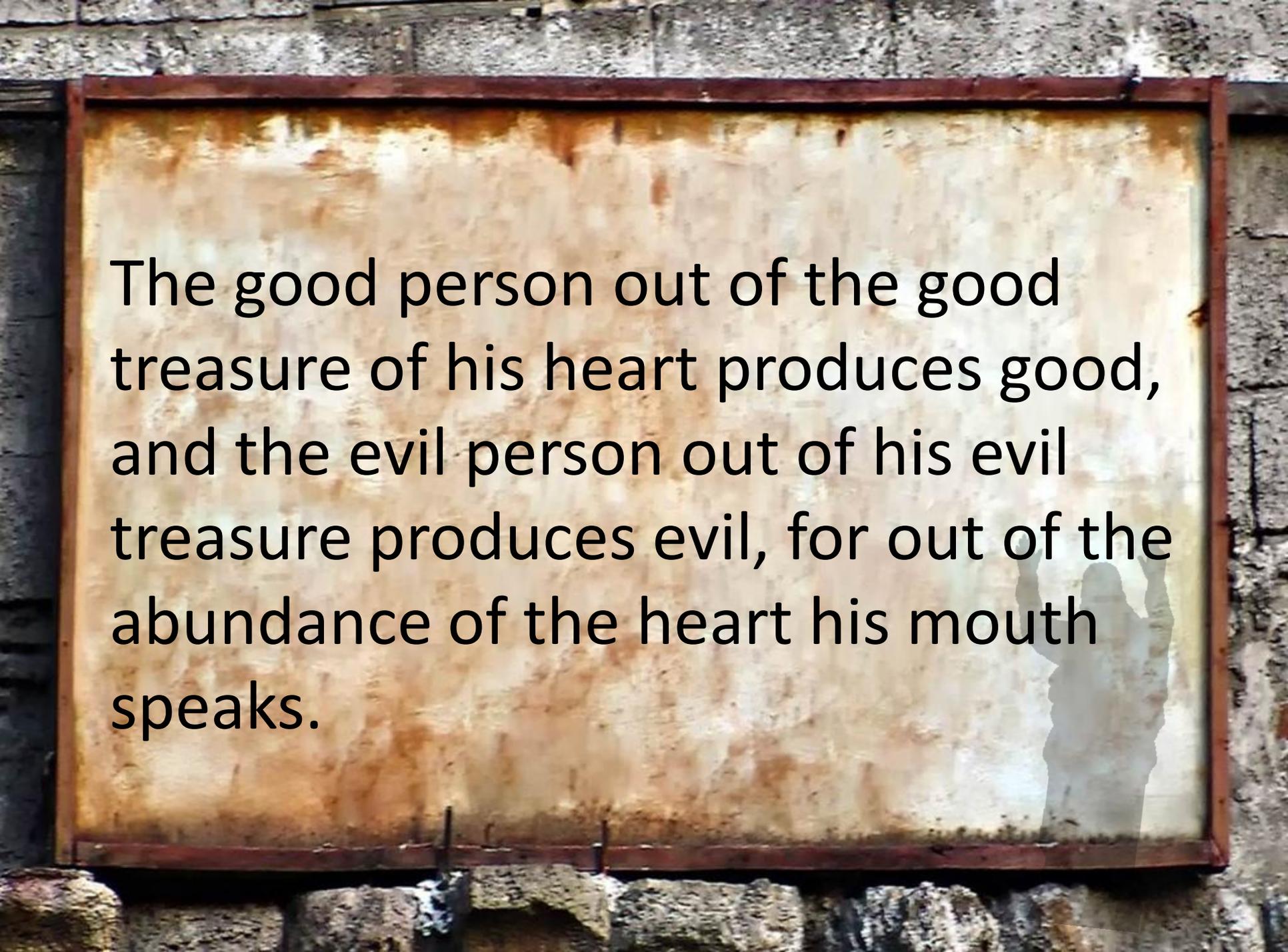
This story about different kinds of soil is actually a story about the posture of your heart towards the gospel and all of God's Word.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for
they shall see God.

For where your treasure is, there
your heart will be also.



“Which commandment is the most important of all?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...



The good person out of the good
treasure of his heart produces good,
and the evil person out of his evil
treasure produces evil, for out of the
abundance of the heart his mouth
speaks.

But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ⁶ These are what defile a person.

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**1st Posture: People
unresponsive to
God's Word**



Luke 8:11-12 (ESV)

¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² 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.

**2nd Posture: People
who respond to God's
Word with impulsive,
shallow curiosity**



Luke 8:13 (ESV)

13 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.



1 John 2:19 (ESV)

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.



**3rd Posture: People
distracted and
preoccupied from
God's Word due to
poor priorities**



Luke 8:14 (ESV)

14 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.



**4th Posture: People who
respond to God's Word
and patiently endure**



Luke 8:15 (ESV)

15 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.”



Luke 8:16-17 (ESV)

¹⁶ “No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. ¹⁷ For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light.

Luke 8:18-19 (ESV)

18 Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away.”

19 Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd.

Luke 8:20-21 (ESV)

²⁰ And he was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you.” ²¹ But he answered them, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”

**What is the
posture of your
heart towards
God's Word?**



**What kind of soil
are you today?**

