

**THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER
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The subject of the entire chapter of Mark 4 is the Word of God

12 Attributes of the Word of God:

- Light - Psalm 119:105, 130
- Shield - Proverbs 30:5
- Mind renewer - Joshua 1:8
- Healing power - Psalm 107:20; Matthew 8:16
- Sure foundation - Luke 6:46-48
- Spirit and life - John 6:63
- Wrecking-ball - Jeremiah 23:29
- Source of faith - Romans 10:17
- Agent of freedom - John 8:31
- Purifier - Psalm 119:9
- Empowerment - Act 20:32
- Seed of prosperity - Psalm 1:1 - 3

Mark 4:13 - 20

- There are four types of grounds onto which the seed of God's Word is sown. The four types of grounds represent four types of **HEARTS** that exists in men.

vs.15 (the hard heart)
IGNORANCE is costly.

vs.16-17 (the shallow heart)
"root" = "depth of **RELATIONSHIP** with God"

vs. 18-19 (the over-crowded)

“cares” = **DISTRACTIONS** of this world

“deceitfulness” = **DELUSIONS** of riches

“desires” = **LONGINGS/DESIRES** for other things / pleasures of this life

vs. 20 (the virtuous heart)

Healthy trees **PRODUCE** good **FRUIT**.

Mathew 12:33 NIV [33] “Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.
