

What does God want us to hear? Based on the passages above, what are the factual “takeaways” that are meaningful to you?

WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO DO?

Describe each soil, each possible condition of the heart, in modern-day terms. For example, the deceitfulness of riches might be the relentless pursuit of wealth, hoping that will give people a sense of dignity and purpose.

Pick one the soils, and describe a period in your life when that condition of your heart reflected the condition of one of those soils.

What happened, if anything, to move out of that condition?

What does God want us to do? Flowing out of our reading and interpretation, what action does this passage or the Spirit’s leading, nudging us toward?

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

Be brutally honest about the condition of your heart, right now: are you lacking roots in your faith; are you tempted to distance yourself from God because of suffering; are the temptations of the world seducing you; are you bearing fruit in your life?

If your heart is in a spiritually unhealthy condition, ask a mature believer to help you get unstuck.

If your heart is in a spiritually healthy condition, how can you go from thirty-fold to sixty-fold in regard to bearing fruit ... or sixty-fold to one-hundred-fold?

What does God want ME to do? What is the personal application and action step that the Holy Spirit is calling you toward?