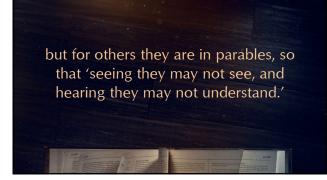
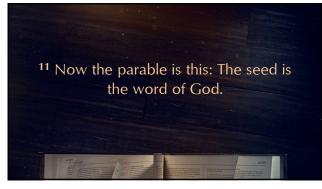


<sup>9</sup> And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, <sup>10</sup> he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God,



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<sup>13</sup> 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.

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<sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> 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. How God's Word Encounters the Human Heart Depends Entirely on the Condition of That Heart.

Jesus Describes Four Conditions.

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## God's Word Sometimes Finds the Soil of a Hard Heart.

### The One Who REJECTS God's Word

<sup>12</sup> 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.

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## God's Word Sometimes Finds the Soil of a Shallow Heart.

The One Who RENOUNCES God's Word

<sup>13</sup> 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.



# God's Word Sometimes Finds the Soil of an Entangled Heart.

#### The One Who REAPPRAISES God's Word

<sup>14</sup> 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.

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## God's Word Sometimes Finds the Soil of an Open Heart.

The One Who REMAINS in God's Word

<sup>15</sup> 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.

