

How God Speaks

Preparing to Listen

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"Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear." Luke 8:8 NIV

Why is it important?

1. It proves _____.
John 10:27 ^{TLB} – *"My sheep recognize my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."*
2. It protects _____.
Proverbs 3:6 ^{MSG} – *"Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track."*
3. It produces _____.
Psalm 32:8 ^{NLT} – *"I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."*

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1. Cultivate _____.
Luke 8:5 NIV – *"Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved."*

Luke 8:12 NIV – *"Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved."*

The hardened soil is _____.
THREE CAUSES:
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
2. Allocate _____.
Luke 8:6 NIV – *"Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture."*

Luke 8:13 NIV – *"Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away."*

The shallow soil is _____.

3. Eliminate _____.
Luke 8:7 NIV – *"Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants."*

Luke 8:14 NIV – *"The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature."*

The thorny soil is _____.
4. Cooperate _____.
Luke 8:8 NIV – *"Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."*

Luke 8:15 ^{GNT} – *"The seeds that fell in good soil stand for those who hear the message and retain it in a good and obedient heart, and they persist until they bear fruit."*

The good soil is _____.

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