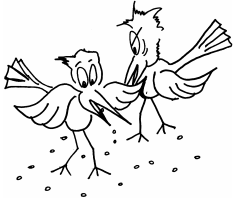


# 27. Word Keepers are Heart Keepers

## Luke 8:4-8 - The Parable of the Soils



**The Wayside**  
VERSE 5



**Rocky Ground**  
VERSE 6



**Thorns**  
VERSE 7



**Good Ground!**  
VERSE 8

**VERSE 12**

*"The devil comes and takes the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved."*

Some will hear and not believe!

**Chose Unbelief**

**VERSE 13**

*"But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall"*

**No Deep Attachment**

**VERSE 14**

*"Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity."*

**Choked with Cares, Riches & Pleasures**

**VERSE 15**

*"But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience."*

**Kept the Word with Patience & Bore Fruit!**

**POINT 1. No deep attachment to the Word means no deep attachment to Jesus. He is the Word!**

Shallow roots do not withstand the winds of life. Things can get pretty rocky!

## Proverbs 4:20-27

1. Pay attention to the Word you hear!
2. Look carefully at what is written in the Word!
3. Keep the Word in the center of your heart!

Word Vault

We are to be diligent in the upkeep of our Word Vaults - Our hearts!  
Anything stored in a vault is subject to the condition of the vault. If the vault is poorly kept, the contents will be polluted and spoil!

**POINT 2. You cannot keep the Word in a useful and effective condition without keeping your heart in excellent, useful and effective condition... a condition of utter devotion to God!**

**The consequences of having a poorly kept heart ought to be unthinkable! Do not pollute the Word by polluting its container - your heart!**

The rewards of keeping your heart in excellent shape will be cause for great celebration! When you need the Word to flow out of it, you will find great satisfaction! Your "Word withdrawals" from the heart vault will have power and anointing!

**POINT 3. Word Keepers are Heart Keepers. The keys to victory are in your heart!**

Keep your heart with all diligence, for...



*"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks"*  
(Matthew 12:34)