

Removing Your Stumbling Blocks

What Must You Do?

Apply the KISS Principle - Keep It Simple Saints

Remember The Goal

Rev. 20:12-15

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What Steps Do You Take?

3 Steps To Help

- Self Examination
- Understanding Your Soil Type(s)
- Controlling Your Emotions

Self Examination (Step 1)

2nd Corinthians 13:5 – Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

- 1 Corinthians 1:12
- 2 Timothy 1:13
- 1 Peter 2:21
- 2 Timothy 3:12
- Matthew 10:38
- John 21:22
- John 10:27

Understanding Your Soil Types (Step 2)

Matthew 13:3-9 - ³And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, “Behold, the sower went out to sow; ⁴and as he sowed, some *seeds* fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Others fell ^[b]among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out. ⁸And others fell on the good soil and *yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, ^[c]let him hear.”

Matthew 13:18-23 - “Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the ^[u]word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil *one* comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road. ²⁰The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet he has

no *firm* root in himself, but is *only* temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the ^[i]word, immediately he ^[k]falls away. ²² And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the ^[i]world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. ²³ And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”

Matthew 13:1-23

4 Types of Soil

- **Road** (*no understanding*)
- **Rocky** (*no firm root*)
- **Thorny** (*worry of the world & deceitfulness of wealth*)
- **Good Soil** (*hears and understands*)

Controlling Your Emotions (Step 3)

- **Proverbs 16:32** – **Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.**
- **Proverbs 29:8** – **Scoffers set a city aflame, but the wise turn away wrath.**
- **Proverbs 29:11** – **A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.**