

CORE CLASSES: Foundations Personal Evangelism I  
Student Notes



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## Lesson 3 – The Three Soils

### Notes

**Introduction:** In this lesson, we will examine the law of sowing and reaping. In Luke chapter 8, the Lord delivers a parable many call the parable of the soils or the parable of the sower. The Lord reveals that we will reap more than we sow. We will receive a harvest later than we sow. And lastly, we will reap what we sow.

### *The Sower's Hope*

There is hope in sowing the Word of God. The Word of God is quick and powerful. The child of God can always sow in hope because of the promise of God's Word.

His \_\_\_\_\_ To Sow

The sower cast seed with the intent of gleaning a harvest. Sowing the seed is a deliberate action. When the sower went forth, He did so with seed.

1. We must have the Word of God with us.
2. We must have the power of the Spirit of God with us.

**Psalm 126:5-6; Acts 1:8**

His \_\_\_\_\_ To Sow

The more seed that is sown, the more chance there is for a harvest. The soil must be good. Some soil needs to be broken up. (**Jeremiah 4:3**) The problem is not with the seed but rather the soil. We are commanded to be ready to give every man an answer. (**I Peter 3:15**)

His \_\_\_\_\_ In Sowing

After the seed is sown, it is not up to the sower whether or not it will grow. The same seed is sown in every soil. The key to reaping is sowing.

## *The Salvation Hindered*

Not only do we see the truth about the sower and His sowing, but we also see the problems concerning the soil. Ephesians 2 speaks of the difference between those who have been quickened and those who are dead in trespasses and sins.

**Ephesians 2:1-3** *“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.”*

The D\_\_\_\_\_ Seed

Not everyone who hears will respond. This is the wayside.

The D\_\_\_\_\_ Soil

The problem with this soil is it is too shallow.

The D\_\_\_\_\_ Spikes

The cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke out the Word of God.

## *The Successful Harvest*

The Bible tells us that SOME seed fell on good ground. One good plant can produce much fruit. As we think about the produce, there are some factors to consider for healthy growth:

- It takes the water of the Word.
- It takes nourishment.
- It takes protection.
- It takes sunlight. (The Lord Jesus Christ is the Light.)