

Sower Parable Comparison Activity

Sometimes comparing one thing to another can help us to learn and understand. Here is a way to look at some of the parts of the parable of the sower and compare them to things in your own life to help you understand what the Lord is telling us.

First read Matthew 13:3-9,18-23 or Mark 4:3-9,13-20. Perhaps read Rev. Frederick Chapin's talk on "Becoming Good Ground" as well. Then take a subject from your own life and think of how you can avoid being like unproductive ground and instead be like the good ground and bear fruits. The sample on comparing parts of the Sower Parable to homework is adapted from an essay by an 8th grade student.

The Sower Parable	<i>Homework</i>
The Wayside	<i>Doing the work with little or no care, or not doing it at all</i>
Stony Ground	<i>Doing a careful job only because you want good grades so everyone will think you are smart</i>
Thorny Ground	<i>Cheating on the homework, copying from another student or out of a book</i>
Good Ground	<i>Doing the work for the sake of learning the Lord's truths and the facts that come from them</i>
The Fruits	<i>Better grades, knowledge, understanding, skills, self-discipline</i>

Now, using the chart below, think of your own comparisons. Some topic suggestions are sports, a party or outing, a family vacation, chores, doing something for someone else.

The Sower Parable	
The Wayside	
Stony Ground	
Thorny Ground	
Good Ground	
The Fruits	