

Be Careful How You Hear

Mark 4:1-20 and Luke 8:4-15

Hearing but not understanding- because we don't really listen.

The Parable of the soils is about preaching and hearing the gospel.

Satan takes great pleasure in taking away or confusing God's word.

Why does it matter if Satan takes away the word?

Affects fruit bearing.

Affects discipleship.

Takes away salvation.

How does Satan take away the word?

Immediately- with inattention, ill will or ignorance.

Eventually - with shallow soil and persecution.

Eventually – with prosperity and worldliness.

But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.