

## KEY THOUGHTS

- From Matthew 13:23, there are two traits of "good soil"
  - Hear and understand the word
  - Bear fruit
- The sole purpose of cultivated soil is to yield fruit
- What is the fruit Jesus is talking about?
- **Fruit shows IN me.**
  - Correct to say, "My faith is a personal thing."
  - Philippians 1:9-11 - ...filled with the fruit of righteousness...
  - Galatians 5:22-23 – the fruit of the Spirit
- **Fruit shows THROUGH me.**
  - Incorrect to say, "My faith is a only a personal thing."
- **Fruit has seasons.**
  - 1 Corinthians 15:58 – Our toil is not in vain. Some seasons are more dry than others.
- **Different people; different fruit.**
  - Comparing your fruit to others' can be a very counterproductive process.

## SCRIPTURES

- Matthew 13:18-23
- Philippians 1:9-11
- Galatians 5:22-23

## PRACTICAL & REFLECT

- 1. What is Jesus doing IN you?
- 2. What is Jesus doing THROUGH you?  
If you don't like the answers to either of those questions...
- 3. What is the condition of your soul?