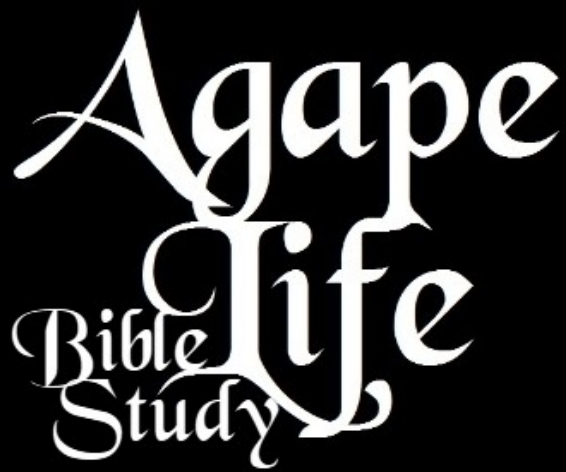


Agape Life





Jesus Storyteller:

Timeless Truths from His Parables

A Study of Luke

Lesson 3

How to Cultivate a Teachable Heart

Luke 8:4-15

- I. Hard Heart: No Reception - the Word Is Stolen – Lk 4-5, 11-12**
- II. Shallow Heart: No Root - the Word Is Starved – Lk 8:6, 13**
- III. Crowded Heart: No Room - the Word Is Strangled – Lk 8:7, 14**
- IV. Teachable Heart: Results - the Word Is Successful – Lk 8:8, 15**



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Bible Study Prayer

**Father, as we turn to the Bible,
What we know not - teach us,
What we have not - give us,
What we are not - make us,
For your Son's sake,
Amen.**



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Reading & Understanding Parables

- > Read them as simple stories,
not as allegories.**
- > Know the audience that's listening
- know their place in their culture.**
- > Take note of what prompted the parable.**
- > Look for connections and groupings
– Ex. Luke 15 – lost things**
- > Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing
- The Kingdom is the Main Thing**



Reading & Understanding Parables

The Kingdom of Heaven is like . . .

Matthew 13:24

Matthew 13:44

Matthew 13:52

Matthew 22:2

Matthew 13:31

Matthew 13:45

Matthew 18:23

Matthew 25:1

Matthew 13:33

Matthew 13:47

Matthew 20:1

Matthew 25:14

The Kingdom of God is like . . .

Mark 4:26

Luke 13:18

Mark 4:30

Luke 13:20



Reading & Understanding Parables

**Jesus used
parables to
teach about
the Kingdom
of God.**



What Have We Learned So Far From The Parables?

Luke 5:33-39

The Parable of the Bridegroom

**The Parable of the New Patch
on the Old Garment**

**The Parable of the Old Wineskins
and New Wine**

**The Kingdom of God is new
and it is here with Jesus.**



What Have We Learned So Far From The Parables?

Luke 6:46-49

**The Parable of the Wise Builder
and the Foolish Builder**

**The Kingdom of God is found
in no other foundation than
Jesus Himself.**



Reading & Understanding Parables

**What will we discover today
about the Kingdom of God
as we read**

**The Parable of the Sower or
The Parable of the Soil or
The Parable of the Seeds?**

Luke 8:4-15



How to Cultivate a Teachable Heart

**What is the simple,
real life story that
Jesus shares with
His listeners?**



How to Cultivate a Teachable Heart

I.

Hard Heart:

No Reception

The Word Is Stolen

Luke 4-5, 11-12



How to Cultivate a Teachable Heart

I. Hard Heart: No Reception - the Word Is Stolen – Lk 4-5, 11-12

What hardens the heart?



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II.

Shallow Heart:

No Root

The Word Is Starved

Luke 8:6, 13



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II. Shallow Heart: No Root - the Word Is Starved – Luke 8:6, 13

**Why would our faith have
no roots?**



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III.

**Crowded Heart:
No Room**

The Word Is Strangled
Luke 8:7, 14



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III. Crowded Heart: No Room - the Word Is Strangled – Luke 8:7, 14

What things fill our lives?

**How and why do we allow
those things to
crowd out God?**



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IV.

Teachable Heart: Results

The Word Is Successful
Luke 8:8, 15



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IV. Teachable Heart: Results - the Word Is Successful – Luke 8:8, 15

**How do we prepare the soil
(our hearts and minds)
to receive the Word of God?**



How to Cultivate a Teachable Heart

IYKYK

If You Know, You Know



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“He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’”



Luke 8:8b-10



How to Cultivate a Teachable Heart

**Since the parable is concerned with
who will and who won't be
in the Kingdom,**

**we must urgently ask,
“How do we prepare the soil of the
hearts and minds of our friends
to receive the Word of God?”**



How to Cultivate a Teachable Heart

IYKYK?

NO!

IYKYG!



How to Cultivate a Teachable Heart

IYKYG!

**If You Know
You Go!**



NEXT WEEK

Love Like a Good Neighbor Luke 10:25-37



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