



## BUT WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT IT? "What Did Jesus Say About Responsibility?" Luke 8:1-15

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"Responsibility" comes from "response" as "answerable" comes from "answer." Jesus told the crowd who listened to Him that they were responsible for their responses. So are we.

### I. The Context. vv. 1-4

A. Jesus "proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God."

1. Christ born to establish. 1:33
2. Reserved for the childlike. 18:17
3. For earnest seekers. 12:31
4. Conferred by grace. 22:29
5. With future dimensions and present reality. 17:21

B. Disciples portraying the kingdom.

1. The twelve who had responded to His call.
2. The women who had devoted themselves to His cause.

C. Crowds gathering to hear about the kingdom.

### II. The Parable. vv. 5-10

A. The story.

1. A sower sows seed with eager anticipation.
2. Some seed landed on the path, was trampled, and the birds ate it.
3. Some seed fell on the rock and withered without moisture.
4. Some seed fell among thorns, which choked the plants.
5. Some seed found good soil and reproduced spectacularly.

B. The challenge: "Pay attention!" v. 8b

C. The clarification: why He spoke in parables.

### III. The Point. vv. 11-15

A. "The seed is the Word of God." 1 Peter 1:23

1. Regenerating.
2. Imperishable.
3. Living.
4. Enduring.

B. The seed reveals the nature of the soil.

1. Some respond carelessly, unaware of spiritual conflict. v. 12
  - a. Don't believe.
  - b. Aren't saved.
2. Some respond enthusiastically, but without root. v. 13
  - a. Testing comes.
  - b. Commitment disappears.
3. Some respond cautiously, but the truth is choked by:
  - a. Worries.
  - b. Riches.
  - c. Pleasures.
4. Some respond genuinely, retentively, and persistently and flourish.

**Points to Ponder:** Does the soil evaluate the seed or the seed the soil?