

Conclusion

**Soil Samples  
Reveal  
The Heart of Gospel Responses Pt. 4**

Luke 8:11-15

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Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:1-13; 1Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- How can I accomplish this change?
- What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

## 1.) Infected With Anxieties/Cares/Worries

*“The things of this life form one of the greatest dangers which beset a Christians path. The money, the pleasures, the daily business of the world, are so many traps to catch souls. Thousands of things, which in themselves are innocent, become, when followed to excess, little better than soul poisons, and helps to hell. Open sin is not the only thing that ruins souls. In the midst of our families, and in the pursuit of our lawful callings, we have need to be on our guard. Except we watch and pray, these temporal things may rob us of heaven, and smother every sermon we hear. We may live a die thorny-ground hearers.” Ryle*

## 2.) Infected With Riches

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1.) Good Kind of Heart

2.) Holding Fast Heart

3.) Persevering Heart

4.) Fruit Producing Heart

## 3.) Infected With Pleasures

*Leland Ryken - “The same thing can happen to us. Like the people in the parable, we hear the word of God, but we are preoccupied with the cares of this life. Or we are distracted by the endless opportunities we have for immediate gratification and the incessant buzz of entertainment media. We turn on the TV instead of opening our Bibles. We get on the internet instead of having a meaningful conversation with a friend. We go out and have fun with people we enjoy rather than reaching out to someone in pain. The things may not be wrong in themselves, but they do not have to be wrong to get in the way of our spiritual growth. We make time for everything else except developing a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. As a result we never become the men and women that God is calling us to become. If we bear any fruit at all, it “does not mature,” as Jesus said, and it is of little use to the kingdom of God.”*