

# ***“Portraits of the Kingdom.1”***

**THE KING & I** • pt. 65  
Matthew 13:1-23

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## **INTRODUCTION**

- growth/accomplishments/progress/a harvest  
Prov. 13:19a; 30:15-16
- context:  
*the parables of Mt. 13 flesh out what a right response of trust in the King looks like*

### *1. Why speak in parables?* (13:10-17)

- *parable* =
- illustrates not a spirit of meanness, but of mercy

### *2. Four soil preparations* (13:4-9)

- hardened soil
- shallow soil
- weedy soil
- good soil

### *3. Four heart responses*

(13:18-23)

- the unresponsive heart
- the superficial heart  
1 Jn. 2:19
- the worldly heart  
1 Jn. 2:15
- the receptive heart

## **APPLICATION**

a. Bear the fruit of God’s Word in your life.

- God expects \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jn. 15:1-2; 16
- God expects much fruit \_\_\_\_\_.  
Hos. 14:8; Rom. 7:4
- I begin bearing fruit by \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will bear much fruit by \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jn. 15:5
- the fruit God expects is the \_\_\_\_\_ in me.  
Gal. 5:22-23
- how to make soil more fertile...

b. Seek to reap the fruit of God’s Word in others.

- without \_\_\_\_\_ there’s no harvest.
- without \_\_\_\_\_, there’s no sowing.