

# REFLECTIONS OF THE FATHER'S HEART

## [Exhortations From The Father]

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\* The four conditions of heart found in Mark 4 [3 negative - 1 positive] are the spontaneous fruit of one's diligence OR negligence [in guarding their heart {spirit, inner man}].

....*"Listen to this! Behold, the sower went out to sow; as he was sowing, some seed fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate it up. "Other seed fell on the rocky ground where it did not have much soil; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil. "And after the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. "Other seed fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. "Other seeds fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold".... Mark 4:3-8 NASB*

....*"And He [Jesus] said to them, "Do you not understand this parable ["the sower sows the word"]? How will you understand all the parables?".... Mark 4:13 NASB*

....*"The sower sows the word".... Mark 4:14 NASB*

....*"These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them. "In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; and they have no firm root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when **affliction** or **persecution** arises because of the word, immediately they fall away. "And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, but **the worries of the world**, and **the deceitfulness of riches**, and **the desires for other things** [that are apart from God's Will] enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful".... Mark 4:15-19 NASB*

....*"And those sown on the good (well-adapted) soil [good ground of the heart] are the ones who hear the Word and receive and accept and welcome it and*

*bear fruit -some thirty times as much as was sown, some sixty times as much, and some [even] a hundred times as much".... Mark 4:20 The Amplified Translation*

*...."Watch over your heart [spirit] with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life [the forces of the Kingdom {Grace, Faith, Love, Truth, Righteousness and Wisdom}] ".... Proverbs 4:23-24 NASB*

**"diligence"** - constant and earnest effort to accomplish what is undertaken;