

A Heart That Determines the Harvest!

Matthew 13:1-23

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- According to Gallup polls, more than three quarters of Americans identify with Christianity – 78%: 52.5% Protestants and 23.5% Catholics.
- As we look around the Church in North America these days, we quickly discover that few professing Christians are really living productive spiritual lives.
- The condition of the heart will determine the spiritual harvest.

1. U _____ Heart (vv. 18-19)

2. I _____ Heart (vv. 20-21)

Psalms 1:1-3; Col. 2:6-7; Eph. 3:14-19

3. D _____ Heart (v. 22)

-Lost focus

-Lost priority: 1 Tim. 6:17-20; Proverbs 30:8-9

4. W _____ Heart (v. 23)

What does it mean to produce the harvest or fruit?

- A. Actions that reveal spiritual character (Mt. 7:15-23; John 15:1-8; Gal. 5:22-23)

Q: Do I belong to Christ?

- B. Attitude that validates spiritual maturity

Q: Am I growing up in my spiritual walk or simply growing old in my faith?

- C. Assessment that glorifies Christ (Mt. 5:12; 1 Pet. 2:12; John 15:8)

Q: Can others see Christ in me?

How do we produce harvest?

A. Embrace your _____

B. Evaluate your _____

C. Envision your _____

- Unresponsive heart
- Impulsive heart
- Divided heart
- Well-prepared heart

Q: Which soil best represents my heart?