

**I. Kingdom Culture vs. the worldly culture**

- A. **Culture** - *Webster* - The set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes a society, institution or organization
1. **Luke 4:5-6** (NKJV) 5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, **showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.** 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this **authority** I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish."

**II. Matt 13:1-12**

- A. **Kingdom** - *basilēia* - Royalty, rule or realm; area ruled by a king
1. **Root** - *basis* - The bottom or foundational, principal component of something
- B. **Mysteries** - *mustērion* - That which has not been known before but which has been **revealed** to an in-group or restricted constituency
- C. **Given** - *didōmi* - To grant someone the opportunity or occasion to do something
- D. **Know** - *ginōskō* - To come to know, acquire understanding or comprehension; progression

**III. Parable of the Sower - Kingdom Culture**

- A. **V3** - In this parable the "sower" went out to sow!
1. **Sow** - *spēirō* - To place or scatter seeds in ground for **future growth**
- B. **V4** - What is being sown? **SEED!**
1. **V19** - The "Seed" is the Word of the kingdom
- C. **V5; 20** - **Stony Ground Hearer** - Condition of the heart
1. **Stony places** - *pētrōdēs* - Thin layer of soil with bedrock or larger rocks just beneath
2. **Sprang up** - *ēxanatēllō* - Show growth, develop suddenly
3. **Receives** - *lambanō* - To take hold of something; to grab
4. **Joy** - *chara* - A state of joy and gladness; rejoicing
- D. **V6; 21** - **Has no depth of earth - No root in himself**
1. **Root** - *rhiza* - The fundamental part of the plant that absorbs nutrients from its surroundings
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a) **Colossians 2:6-7 (NKJV)** 6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 **rooted and built up in Him** and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

(1) **Received** - *paralambanō* - To grab hold of information and hold near; closely associate with oneself

(2) **Rooted** - *rhizōō* - Firmly planted in the ground; Strengthened w/focus on the source of that strength

(3) **Built up** - *ēpōikōdōmēō* - The process of increasing potential; build upon further

2. **Endures** - *ēimi* - To possess certain characteristics, to "be."

3. **For a while** - *prōskairōs* - Temporary, not lasting or permanent

4. **Tribulation** - *thlipsis* - Pressure, trouble distress, oppression, suffering

5. **Persecution** - *dīōgmōs* - To pursue, chase, harass; to systematically organize a program to oppress people to renounce their beliefs

6. **Scorched** - *kaumatizō* - To suffer harm by intense heat

7. **Stumbles** - *skandalizō* - To entrap, trip up, cease believing what is right and let oneself believe what is false

#### IV. **God wants to give us a new heart, a new spirit and take out the heart of stone**

A. **Ezekiel 36:26-28 (NKJV)** 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. 28 Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

B. What rocks are under the surface that are hindering your growth?

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