

# **RED LETTERS: FAMOUS WORDS OF JESUS**

## **Part 2: Heart Conditions**

### **EARS TO HEAR** *(Mark 4:9-11 NKJ)*

#### **A. Jesus was speaking to regular people**

1. He must have been referring to something other than regular ears

#### **B. Jesus was willing to explain this parable**

1. Insight was not limited to the 12 only
2. Insight was given to the people who stayed and asked
3. The ones with desire were the ones to whom it was given
4. This gives us insight into how God's kingdom operates

### **THE PARABLE EXPLAINED: GOD'S SEED OUR HEART** *(Mark 4:13-20 NKJ)*

#### **A. God's word is spiritual seed**

1. Matthew calls it the word of the Kingdom
2. By referencing seed Jesus is giving us an indication of how God's word works
3. God's word is perfect seed - it will produce under the right conditions

#### **B. The hard heart**

1. Referred to as wayside - a road a street
2. This is an unreceptive heart
3. People who will not receive for various reasons
4. This is not a fixed condition - hearts can change

#### **C. The high enthusiasm low heat tolerance heart**

1. Jesus referred to this as a rocky ground with no depth lacked moisture
2. Received God's word with joy - so they believed
3. The challenge here is an unwillingness to endure when the heat came
4. If you start enthusiastic, you can stay enthusiastic