



Proper 10 (A)



**What stops
you from
growing in
the love of
God shown
in Jesus?**

Jesus - The Word of God

Read Matthew 13:3b-19

There are two levels to this parable.
One is about listening.
The other is about receiving the Word which is Jesus.

Being a good listener makes us more receptive.
Look at the different soils.
Which is most like you?

Jesus was aware of

1. Being shut out of some lives
2. People half listening and then forgetting
3. People who let other things crowd him out.
4. People who received him and let his love and presence be known in their lives.

**We are not just one of these
soils but a mixture of them all.
There is only one we should
aim to cultivate.**

Put a 1 against the one you are
the most and a 4 against the
one you are the least.

Hard like the path (caused by habit)	
Shallow soil (starts but does not finish)	
Full of weeds (busy, worries, activities . . . no room)	
Receptive (ready to enjoy the presence and power of Jesus - and to grow).	

**Are you not like all
of these, with room
to improve?**

Pray

Lord Jesus, may I make room for
you each day and let your love and
presence be known in my life.
Grant that I may grow in the faith
and in my love for you. Amen.