

What Kind of Dirt Am I?

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Jesus described 4 kinds of dirt when He explained this parable.

1. _____ dirt – 19
 - a. Does not _____.
 - b. _____ takes the word away.
2. _____ dirt – 20-21
 - a. Hears (implies _____) (20)
 - b. _____ reception (20)
 - c. No _____. (21)
 - d. Affliction or persecution because of the _____. (21)
 - e. _____ falls away. (21)
3. _____ dirt – 22
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
4. Good dirt - 23
 - a. Hears
 - b. Understands
 - c. Bears fruit
 - d. Varying levels of fruitfulness notwithstanding (100, 60, 30), all in the good ground are fruitful.

I _____ what kind of dirt I am.

April 30, 2023

Welcome Song Leader-Victor Jones

587-Sing and Be Happy
417-Where He Leads I'll
Follow
539-Higher Ground

Prayer Roger Shiflet

Scripture Reading
Matthew 13:3-9
Terry Branson

382-Why Did My Savior Come
to Earth?

Lord's Supper and Contribution Ron Rutledge

601-My God and I

Coins for Christ/Bible Times

Lesson- Chris Graham
"What Kind of Dirt Am I?"

662-All to Jesus I Surrender

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer
Mike Tinius

Welcome Guests! We are honored that you have joined us today and hope that you will be blessed by your time with us in worship. The following are some helpful tips on making the most of your visit with us this morning.

Register- Our guests, as well as members, are asked to register their attendance as the pads are passed down each pew.

Attended Nursery is available for children up to three years of age in the west wing. (Kid Zone)

Quiet Bags for children are available at the table by the children's wing.

The **Welcome Center** has details about ministries, classes and more. It is in the main entrance outside the auditorium.

To access internet, connect to West Freeway Guest. No password needed.

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Sunday

Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening 4:00 p.m.
Communion will be offered at each Sunday meeting.

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

Minister

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John Robertson 817.343.7586
Mike Tinius 817.657.1431

Elder of the month: James Herring



Is Gambling Right?

Legalized gambling is flourishing. Forty-five US states have legal lotteries, and the latest push has been for sports gambling. Las Vegas and Atlantic City have been joined by riverboat gambling and casinos on reservations. Even where gambling itself is illegal, offshore websites based in jurisdictions where gambling is legal make it possible for one to gamble legally. The name has been changed to "gaming," but the effect is the same. Traditionally, many Christians have opposed gambling. Is there anything wrong with it? Does God care if I gamble?

I am convinced that Bible principles oppose gambling.

1. **"Thou shalt not steal"** (Exodus 20:15; Ephesians 4:28). To wager successfully one takes another's money without giving anything of value in return. The effect of this transaction is nothing short of stealing by permission.
2. **Stewardship** (1 Corinthians 4:2). God holds ultimate title to this world and all it contains (Psalm 24:1). For gambling to be profitable to the state and the casinos, it must be wasteful for the gambler.
3. **Addiction** (1 Corinthians 6:12). There is no doubt that gambling is potentially addictive, and many lose everything they have because of it. The best way to avoid this addiction (like many others) is to never start.
4. **"Love one another"** (John 13:34). How can I love my neighbor while I take her or his money without giving anything but "fun" in return?
5. **Honest labor** (2 Thessalonians 3:10). Gambling produces nothing. It holds out the promise of something for nothing destroying the motivation to work for what we receive.

What do you think? Feel free to let me know. I'd love to hear from you.

Chris Graham



May 11

Silver Saints. Bring a sack lunch to eat together at 11:00, and play games at 12:00.

Men

Men's Bible Study, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Men's breakfast held each Tuesday morning at 7:00 at Westside Café. Come join in the fellowship.

Ladies' Bible Class

Tuesdays in the Fellowship Area 9:30 a.m.

Mission Work Session

Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Area. If you have any questions, please see Ollie Taylor-Brewer.

HomeMission

Please pick up a copy of "WAYS TO SAVE YOUR NEIGHBOR" and "WAYS TO MAKE A VISIT". There will be new issues each week. The HM newsletter will keep you up to date on the latest things happening with HomeMission.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! WE STILL NEED PEOPLE FOR 3RD GRADE, 4TH-5TH GRADE AND FOR OUR TODDLERS!

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Our heartbeat (4/23/23)
Bible Class: 105
AM Worship: 163
PM:
Wednesday: 52
Contribution: \$5,811.00
Weekly Budget: \$8,145.00
Difference: \$ -2,334.00
Average: \$7,516.01

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Praying without ceasing...

Jimmie & Helen Barrett's son, Kyle had a house fire. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Ed Matlock will be having major back surgery in the next couple of months for spinal stenosis.

Alicia Lockhart had a bone biopsy done. Please keep her in prayer.

Other Members in need of Prayer:
James Blakley, Tom Cain, Marie Clark, Janice Dotson, Bob Durko, Margaret Hamilton, John Johnson, Carol Latimer, Reba Myers, Frank Piksie, Diana Richardson, Chris Suggs, Donna Williams.

Family Members

The mother-in-law of **Jerry Hill's son, Kathy Escue**, is in the hospital with throat cancer. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.



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Thank you to all of our volunteers that helped make our campaign a success!! We have had 6 baptisms at the time of this handout being printed.

**Jerry Hill
Abel Mendez
Mark Austin
Terrel Wilburn
Sarai Perez
Shawnee Jones**

We will be following up with contacts we have made. If you would like to help with this, please let Ronnie Moore know.



If you have brought food, please look for your dishes in the foyer on the kids zone table.