

HEART CHECK

MARK 4:1-25

It's _____ that determines
_____.

■ The condition of our heart is revealed by _____
_____ (verse 15).

■ The condition of our heart is revealed by _____
_____ (verses 16-17).

■ The condition of our heart is revealed by _____
_____ (verses 18-19).

- *The distraction of* _____.
- *The distraction of* _____.
- *The distraction of* _____.

■ The condition of our heart is revealed by _____
_____ (verse 20).

- *Good-hearted people* _____ *God's word.*
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TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. What adjectives would you use to describe the condition of your heart right now? Why?
2. Read Mark 4:3-8 and 4:14-20. If Jesus were to use you as an illustration in a sermon, which type of soil would he compare you to? What specific examples might He use to reveal the condition of your heart?
3. Re-read Mark 4:17. How have you been most severely tested as a Christian? How did that trial affect your relationship with Jesus?
4. Of the obstacles to spiritual productivity pinpointed in Mark 4:19, which one have you been constricted by most often? What must you do to break free from this thorn?
5. Re-read Mark 4:20. Which is the biggest challenge to you—hearing God's word, accepting it, or obeying it? When in your life has obedience produced spiritual fruit?
6. What is one practical lifestyle change you believe God is calling you to make in response to this week's message? What Christian friend can hold you accountable to making this change?