

Spiritual Maturity in the Midst of a Confusing World
Matthew 13:1-23
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Introduction

- Greek word: *sunata* (understanding) means bring together

Overcoming Spiritual Apathy

Let's be honest: I am at times spiritually apathetic.
Matthew 13:13-15

- Application: how do biblical truths genuinely apply to my life?

Growth obstacles:

Obstacle #1: I underestimate Satan. Matthew 13:4,19

Problem: truth does not penetrate my life

Solution: persist through Satan's tactics

Obstacle #2: I have unrealistic expectations.
Matthew 13:5-6, 20-21

Problem: I am overwhelmed when facing difficulties.

Solution: surrender especially in difficult moments.

Obstacle #3: I become distracted. Matthew 13:7, 22

Problem: I am consumed by wealth, worries, or relationships.

Solution: trust in God

Spiritual maturity in a confusing world.
Matthew 13:8,11,16-17, 23