A Noble Heart

**Intro:** What do you think of when you hear the word “noble”? What people come to mind and why?

Read Luke 8:4-15
4 types of hearts: Which one is mine?

1. **Heart that denies (vs. 12)**
   - What are ways that Satan can snatch the word from our hearts?
     a. Not reading God’s word consistently
     b. Convincing us the Bible is too hard to understand
     c. Convincing us the Bible is too hard to obey
     d. “There are other ways besides the Bible.”
     e. “You just don’t understand my situation.”

   This type of heart denies that God’s word has to change us.

2. **Heart that lies (vs. 13)**
   - What does it mean to “have no root”?
     a. Hearing God’s word but not applying it to our lives.
     b. Not being honest about what you really need help in – no depth.
     c. Lack of desire to change (“I don’t need God”)

   This is the person who gets really emotional but does not deal with sin in their life. They lie about who they really are. Nobody _really_ knows what is going on.

3. **Heart that cries (vs.14)**
   - When we feel “choked” by things in our life, we tend to cry, whine, or make excuses.
     - What are things that Satan uses to distract (or choke) us?
     a. “I’m too busy” (job, school, kids, etc.)
     b. My bills are building up; I better work more hours – no time for God.
     c. Family responsibilities.
     d. “Woe is me – life is so tough.”
     e. “I don’t want to give up sex, drinking, etc.”

   Everyone has a busy life. We must still make a relationship with God our top priority.

4. **Heart that supplies (vs.15)**
   - What does it mean to have a noble and good heart?
     a. Does not deny: Hears the word and puts it into practice.
     b. Does not lie: Honest with their life; deep rooted convictions.

     **Example:** A bamboo tree will only grow a couple of inches its first couple years because its roots are growing down. But once its roots are deep, it is capable of growing at a rate of 2 feet per day!
     c. Does not cry: No excuses; relationship with God is top priority.
     d. Helping others is more important than themselves.

**Conclusion:** Which type of heart am I today?
- What decisions must I make to have a noble heart?
- Continue to study the Bible to find out.