

"some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them"

Matthew 13:3

What does it mean to live as the "wayside"?

Shallow

In Understanding:

- "O LORD, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep. A senseless man does not know, nor does a fool understand this" (Psalm 92:5-6)
- "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise" (Proverbs 12:15)

In Believes:

- "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God." (Psalm 14:1)

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In Cares:

- "And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." (Luke 12:19)

In Experience:

- "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah" (Matthew 12:39)

Trampled by All

A Follower and Men-pleaser

- "When you saw a thief, you consented with him, and have been a partaker with adulterers. You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit.

You sit and speak against your brother; You slander your own mother's son" (Psalm 50:18-20)

No Control:

- "Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks" (Proverbs 7:22)

Helps others to reach destinations but never moves itself

But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to declare My statutes, Or take My covenant in your mouth, Seeing you hate instruction and cast My words behind you?"

Psalm 50:16-17