

Staff Chapel—Conference Challenge

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I. Introduction.

II. Conference tips.

- A. Be attentive.
- B. Get rest.
- C. Be wary of griping.
- D. Do not let disappointments ruin your week.
- E. Learn to live with differences.
- F. Meet God in everything you do.

III. The “soils.” (Matthew 13:1-9)

- A. There are some people that did not capture the significance of what Jesus was saying.
- B. The gospel is not taken up by some.
- C. Others receive the gospel with excitement but later lose that commitment.
- D. Others accept the gospel until persecution comes along.
- E. Others deny the gospel later because of doubt.
- F. One type of person receives the gospel and bears fruit—he begins his real life.

IV. A person should make a list of the things that affect the kind of “soil” he has and pray about them.

Application questions:

1. What are some things that can cause you to have a bad experience on a trip?

2. What can you do to prepare your heart in anticipation of bad things?

3. How can you commit yourself to meeting God when you depart from your normal routine? Explain.
