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Whitefield, also helped to spread God's Word. The Great Awakening was still growing!

In fact, people began to get so noisy and excited at meetings that sensible Christians began to be concerned. "Will people soon begin to think that excitement is the most important part of religion?" they asked. Jonathan Edwards, trying to be fair, said that people should not be too emotional in their meetings. But he

also said that the power of God does stir people's feelings.

Jesus told a parable about a sower to show how different people respond to God's Word. Some people refuse to listen at all. Some get excited when they hear the Word, but they lose interest when troubles come. Some hear the Word, but they are too busy with the things of this world to obey. God wants all people who hear His Word to become useful, obedient servants.



New England farmers lived in villages, but each had his own farm buildings such as these. Can you identify each building? The fields belonging to this farmer may not be close to his buildings. The countryside was divided so that good and poor land would be shared.