

THRIVE:

**Nurturing passionate followers of
Jesus in the everyday stuff of life**



Just Do It!

Putting feet on our faith (James 1:22-27)

Two errors in regard to grace and how we live the Christian life:

- The idea that we can somehow earn God's approval by what we do (or don't do) . . . *Paul addresses this*
- The belief that because Christ paid for our sins on the cross, we can live however we want to live . . . *James addresses this*



James 1:22-27

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.

²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.



²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.



²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.



²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.



John 13:6-9

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?”⁷ Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.”⁸ Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.”

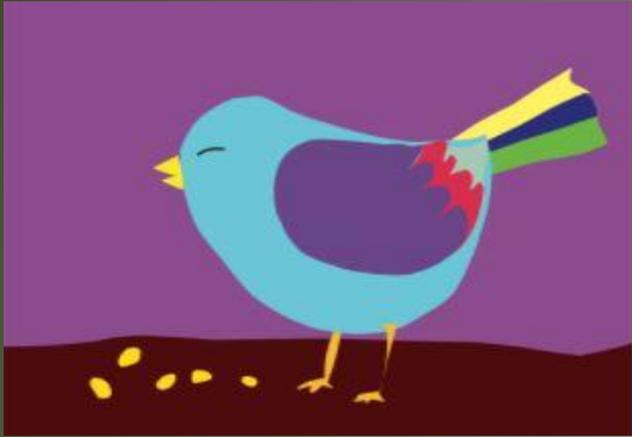


⁹ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”



If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- 1 John 1:9



*Along the sides of
hardened paths, where the
Word just lies there
exposed and birds
(representing the evil one)
come and snatch it away
before it can take root.*

The Four Soils of Luke 8: Soil #1



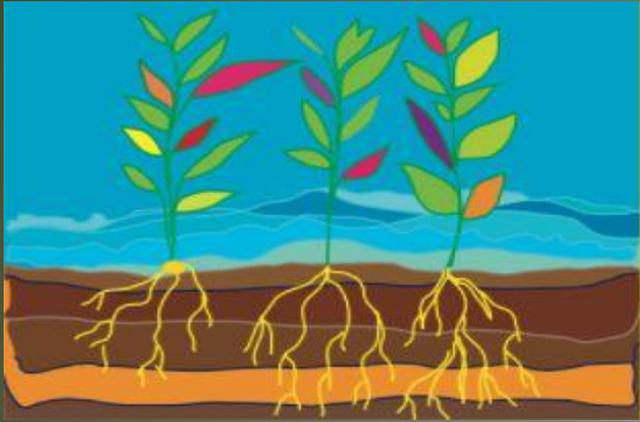
*Upon rocky, thin soil,
where it barely takes root,
but when the sun comes
out (representing the heat
of trials and tribulations)
the feeble roots can't
sustain the plant and it
witheres away.*

The Four Soils of Luke 8: Soil #2



In weedy soil, where it takes root, but where weeds (representing the various distractions of life, like wealth, but of course not limited to wealth-- there are all kinds of distractions!) suffocate the

The Four Soils of Luke 8: Soil #3



In good soil, where the word can implant and grow unhindered and eventually bear great fruit.

The Four Soils of Luke 8: Soil #4



And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

- *James 3:6*



²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

- *Matthew 7:22-23*

People may doubt what you say, but they
will believe what you do



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and not hearers only,
deceiving yourselves. *James 1:22*