



FOUR SOILS

ROM 10:2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

Information doesn't equate knowledge.

We create our own systems of obtaining life when we don't have knowledge... we reinvent the wheel- Jesus is THE way. There is no other way to the father

JOHN 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me.

There is only ONE way- your pretty words and seemingly noble and holy actions are no alternative.. you cant buy your salvation.

Information becomes knowledge when it can be assimilated into your life/world.

LUKE 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Jesus also goes deep when talking to the 'religious'

MATTHEW 12:33-37 **33**"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. **34**"You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. **35**"The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil. **36**"But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. **37**"For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

This puts great emphasis on the words we speak- what fruit are you known by? Are you positive or negative. Are you gossipy or honorable. are you building up or tearing down.

While Jesus is focusing on our words he is most definitely challenging our characters- knowing that is it our 'hearts' that need to be guarded.

PROVERBS 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Information becomes knowledge when it goes HEAD - HEART - MOUTH

When we try clean our mouth before our heart we are 're-inventing the wheel' and trying to create our own righteousness. (ROM 10)

The word of God needs to become more than information- but its not a bad place to start- read the word.

The word, equally, should not SIMPLY be read. It needs to take root in our spirits and bear fruit.

MARK 4:1-20 **1**And he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered to him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land. **2**And he taught them many things by parables, and said to them in his doctrine, **3**Listen; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: **4**And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. **5**And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: **6**But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. **7**And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. **8**And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred. **9**And he said to them, He that has ears to hear, let him hear. **10**And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. **11**And he said to them, To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but to them that are without, all these things are done in parables: **12**That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. **13**And he said to them, Know you not this parable? and how then will you know all parables? **14**The sower sows the word. **15**And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan comes immediately, and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. **16**And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; **17**And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution rises for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. **18**And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, **19**And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. **20**And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirty times, some sixty, and some an hundred.

THE FOUR SOILS

Which are we? Why? And what does this mean for our lives?

1. Satan is able to immediately steal any revelation you may have.
2. It sounds good, you are excited but unaffected
3. You get it, but it's too hard, it costs too much, there are distractions
4. It takes root, it gets past our heads and to our heart- and bears fruit!