

Soily Christians

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SOILY CHRISTIANS

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Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, we are here again to learn at Your feet, teach us by Yourself, let the word have impact in our lives, take control of today's study in Jesus name.

Introduction

You might be wondering what soily Christians mean, but do not worry, you will get answers to your questions soonest.

Bible Text

Colossians 3:10:

"And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:"

Study

Most often than not, we have different people with different attitudes and perspectives towards things. And, this is because we are all created distinctively. However, in Christendom, we are supposed to do whatever the bible tells us to do and we also have the Holy Spirit as a guide to direct us everyday. Nonetheless, there are still some characteristics being demonstrated by Christians which can be compared with that of a soil. As Christians and mostly humans, we know that we might not tend to have the same dispositions about this.

But, the bible which is our compass, orders and aligns us into doing what is right. We are going to be looking at Christians characteristics in comparison with the soil on the Earth. We are going to look at the various types of christians we now have these days through the characteristics of the soil.

One thing we need to understand as Christians is that the moment we came to Christ, the old man was put off according to verse 9 of this text. We have now put on the new man which is RENEWED in KNOWLEDGE after the IMAGE of him that created him.

One thing we do not lack is the knowledge of God but the reason many christians do not operate in this knowledge is because they are ignorant. Ignorance is a very bad thing. It can make you be with the key to a door and still be locked not knowing the key is with you.

Knowledge is key and we will know why as we proceed in looking at the various kinds of christians we have and how their lifestyle and character is patterned like that of the soil.

What is soil?

It is the uppermost layer of the Earth's crust and consists of a mixture of mineral particles, organic matter, water, and air.

Soil is simply the layer of the Earth's crust that we walk upon. However, just like the way a human being is a spirit who has a soul and a body, so does the soil consist of different mixtures in different proportions.

Now, we have three major types of soil and we will be considering them to know what we truly mean by soily Christians.

TYPES OF SOIL AND HOW APPLY TO CHRISTIANS

1. Sandy soil:

Characteristics

A. **Particle Size:** Sandy soil has the largest particles among different soil types.

So do we have Christians that have been encompassed and covered with pride. They see themselves as bigger and better than every other person. They are born again, but because of the little wonders God is doing through them, they exalt themselves above every other. And the Bible says that *He that exalteth himself shall be abased*.

B. **Texture:** Sandy soil feels gritty to the touch due to its coarse texture. It does not hold together well when wet.

Christians who have this nature are the ones who despise the gathering of the brethren when they are offended by anyone. This is the kind of Christians that will refuse to come together in fellowship unto God just because the usher told them to sit in a particular seat they didn't like. And, because they disobeyed and did what they liked, the Pastor rebuked them for such an attitude.

If as a Christian, you do not like rebuke, you always find it embarrassing EVERYTIME you are rebuked by your shepherd, it means you have this characteristic in you which shouldn't be. The Bible says in **Proverbs 3:12** that *"For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth."*

C. **Drainage:** One of the characteristics of Sandy soil is that water passes through it quickly and does not stay in it.

Christians who fall into this category are Christians who hear the word and it passes through them but never stays in them.

They just go to church, hear the word and because they cannot sustain a personal relationship with God, they find it hard to keep the word of God in them. It passes through them with less changes in their lives, just like a snake that passes through a rock leaving no sign. They are the type of people the bible regards as **"Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."** 2 Timothy 3:7.

They keep attending services upon services but never retain the word in them. Because, once they leave the church premises, they find it hard to pick up their Bibles again till the next service day. But, one thing about them is that they are always consistent in the sanctuary, but never coming to the knowledge of the truth.

D. Fertility: Sandy soil tends to be less fertile than other soil types because it does not retain nutrients well.

Just like the previous set of christians, this set of christians do not retain sound doctrine that can help them grow. It is doctrines that suit their flesh that they always seek after. Sound doctrine does not stay in them, they repel it because it sounds like hard teachings to them and due to this, their lives lack spiritual fertility. They find it hard to positively impact others' lives. Also, they keep struggling with a lot of things that they would have easily done and achieved just because they refuse sound doctrine. They lack genuine holiness and righteousness and allow heresies instead of what would help them grow in stature and wisdom.

Hmm!!!

E. pH Level: The pH of sandy soil can vary, but it often tends to be more acidic. However, this can be influenced by the location and surrounding environment.

Christians that fall under this category are christians that live a double sided lifestyle. They are known for different things at different locations. In church, they are fire branded personalities. They are known in their houses as notorious disturbers who are always distributing curses and abuses everywhere yet they claim to be Christians. But, they allow themselves to be tossed to and fro by different winds of doctrines. They are not direct and through their lifestyles, they confuse people whether they are indeed christians or not. This is the category of people that the bible calls LUKEWARM, neither hot nor cold.

Revelation 3:16:

"So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth."

And, because of being lukewarm, God says He will spew them out of his mouth.

And, lastly;

F. Weed Control: Sandy soil may have fewer problems with weed growth compared to other soil types.

This refers to christians who can easily control what goes on around them. They are not easily influenced by the world system and they hardly have problems despite living where the peer pressure is high, because they are not disturbed and distracted by such. I think every christian needs to emulate this characteristic, isn't it?

We have looked at the characteristics of Sandy soil and how they apply to different christians.

Please, be informed that the essence of this teaching is for you to look at the kind of christian that you are through the characteristics you display and be willing to change in alignment with the scriptures if you find your characters off the scriptures.

Just as it was said last week, it's expedient that the signs of the new man we have now put on is evident in our lives. If as a Christian, we claim to have put off the old man and put on the new man, yet we still keep to the deeds of the old man, it means something is wrong and we need to seriously check ourselves.

A Christian is supposed to act Christ like both in words, deeds, actions and in all, character wise. Therefore, let's proceed to the characteristics of Loamy soil today.

TYPES OF SOIL AND HOW IT APPLY TO CHRISTIANS

2. **Loamy soil:** This is regarded as the best soil for planting and yielding productivity.

Characteristics

1. **Texture:** Loamy soil has a balanced mixture of sand, silt, and clay particles, making it feel easy to work with.

This is the characteristics of a balanced christians. They are balanced when it comes to studying the word, praying and fasting. Hence, they are easy to work with because they are spiritually minded. They do not give problems to those that have been placed in higher authority over them. They stick to the truth of God's word and are not tossed to and fro by winds of doctrines, but are balanced spiritually. This is how balanced we should be. That you do not prioritize one above the other but you esteem both in high regards and balance them.

2. **Moisture retention:** It retains moisture well without becoming waterlogged, which helps plants access water during dry periods.

This kind of christians so much retain the truth of the word of God and do not become filled with sugar coated doctrines and diluted word of God. They tap the light of the word of God and even in the state where they feel too weak and tired to continue, they keep standing because of the strong foundation they have built in Christ. We should never allow inconsistent words that are not aligned with the word of God to stay in us. We are to retain any sound word and do away with excess sugar coated words that can damn the soul in hell.

3. **Nutrient retention:** It retains nutrients effectively, providing a fertile environment for plant growth.

This set of christians retain everything that is needed for their growth. They are very intentional concerning their growth and ensure they keep growing daily. Each day, they keep trying to grow spiritually and keep retaining sound teachings. That is what they do.

Lastly,

4. **Fertility:** It is naturally fertile and can support a wide variety of plant types.

This set of christians produce good fruits.

Matthew 7:17:

"Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit."

They produce good fruit due to being rooted in godliness and purity. Their lives influence others positively and they support the work of God in sincerity and in truth.

Now, let's move to the last type of soil.

3. Clay soil

Characteristics

Texture: It has a sticky and compact texture when wet, and it can become hard and dense when it dries.

This set of christians are only christians when all things are working perfectly in their favor. They detest tribulations or trials and do not want to suffer for the sake of Christ. When the bible says in;

Romans 5:3:

"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;"

This christians serve God when they are feeling happy and when they feel their prayers are being answered. But, the moment the answers to their prayers get delayed a bit, then they begin to allow their flesh to take hold of them. Also, this set of christians tend to get so angry when in an unfavorable condition that they keep reacting due to being angered. In short, they are weather-based christians. They react based on their moods and how they are at that present moment. This is not a character we are to emulate because we walk by faith and not by sight.

2. Water Retention: Clay soil has excellent water retention properties, often retaining water to the point of becoming waterlogged.

This is talking about the set of christians who allow EVERY teaching to sink into them, both sound teachings and heresies. They listen to every teaching from every preacher/teacher to the end that they become filled with various doctrines that are inconsistent with the word of God. They become spiritually doctrine-logged and cannot set their hearts and minds on what God truly wants for them. What a pity!

3. Workability: Clay soil can be challenging to work with, especially when wet, as it easily forms clumps and is hard to till.

This set of christians are very hard to work with because of their two sided character. These are the people that always tend to have issues with pastors and ushers in the house of God. They tend to get mad at little issues that they could have solved or overlooked. And, most times, they are not easily corrected, nor do they yield to corrections. They are hard hearted and believe they are always correct. We should put on such a character.

Lastly,

4. Drainage: It has poor drainage due to its fine particle size, which can lead to root rot and other problems for plants.

This set of christians finds it hard to flush away ungodly mindset and things that are not consistent with the word of God that they have kept in them for so long. And, due to the inability to flush them out,

they tend to cause them not to be openly minded to sound doctrine and teachings.

As a filled cup cannot receive more water into it, so will an already filled vessel refuse to accept anything into it no matter how it may seem useful to it.

Having looked at the characteristics of a lot of christians, this is to tell us that Christianity shouldn't be a religion to us but a way of life. Christianity shouldn't be by mouth but by acts, words and godly actions.

What qualifies one for heaven is not because he is tagged a "christian" but because he lives according to the will of God and everything stated in the word of God. Therefore, I urge us to carefully look at the attitude we put up and the characters we display. Are they in line with the word of God?

If they are not, let's study the word to know the right attitude and characters to put up. May the Lord help us in Jesus' name. Amen.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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