

LOVE IN ACTION

**Part 1 – True Love Listens
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Deuteronomy 6:1-5 Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the rules that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. **Hear therefore**, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. **Hear, O Israel:** The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Luke 8:8 (NIV) Jesus said... He who has ears, let him hear!

1. CULTIVATE _____

Luke 8:5 (NIV) ...some seed fell along the path: it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up.

Luke 8:12 (NIV) Those along the path are those who hear, and then the devil comes along and takes away the word from their hearts, so they cannot believe and be saved.

THE HARDENED PATH =

2. ALLOCATE _____

Luke 8:6 (LB) Other seed fell on shallow soil with rock beneath. This seed began to grow but soon withered and died for lack of moisture.

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Luke 8:13 (NIV) Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing, they fall away.

THE SHALLOW SOIL =

3. ELIMINATE _____

Luke 8:7 (NIV) Other seed fell among thorns which grew up with it and choked the plants.

Luke 8:14 (NIV) The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by life’s worries, riches, and pleasures, and they don’t mature.

THE SOIL WITH WEEDS =

4. ASSIMILATE _____

Luke 8:15 (NIV) The seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it and by persevering produce a crop.

THE GOOD SOIL =

James 1:22 (NIV) Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.