

## ***Who Are We Willing To Get Our Hands Dirty For?***

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**John 10:10**, *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.*

- **Jesus' ministry was to restore what Satan DESTROYED.**

**John 5:19**, *So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of His own accord, but only what He sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.*

- **Jesus had a double-barreled ministry that included both His WORDS & WORKS.**

**Mark 8:22**, *And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to Him a blind man and begged Him to touch him. <sup>23</sup>And He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when He had spit on his eyes and laid His hands on him, He asked him, “Do you see anything?” <sup>24</sup>And he looked up and said, “I see people, but they look like trees, walking.” <sup>25</sup>Then Jesus laid His hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. <sup>26</sup>And He sent him to his home, saying, “Do not even enter the village.”*

- **Jesus heals privately and PROGRESSIVELY!**

**John 9:1**, *As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And His*

*disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ... <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, He spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup>Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup>He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.”*

## **Why Did Jesus Use Spit And Dirt?**

- **Modern medicine of that day thought spit had medicinal value for eye ailments!**
- **To parallel the CREATION STORY!**

**Genesis 2:7**, *the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.*

**John 9:35**, *Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him, and it is He who is speaking to you.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped Him.*

- **Every illness is an opportunity for God and GOD’S PEOPLE.**