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- Love your enemies
- You must become like little children
- **The tree is known by its fruit**
- It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle
- Take up your cross and follow me
- Three days



The Tree and Its Fruit

¹⁵ “Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves.

¹⁶ You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles?

¹⁷ A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit.

¹⁸ A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit.

¹⁹ So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire.

²⁰ Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.

Matthew 7:15-20

The tree and its fruit

Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees;
every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Matthew 3:10

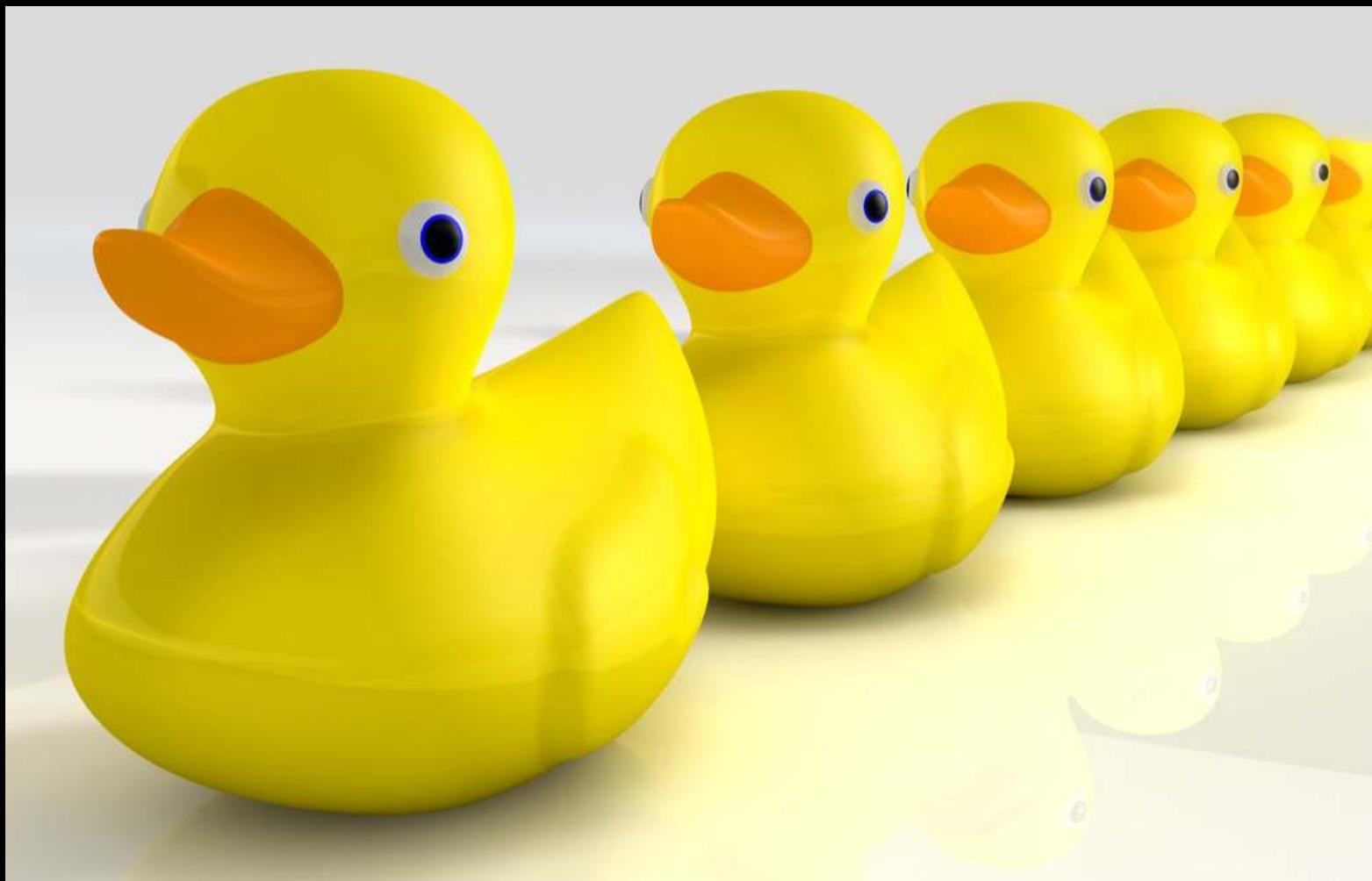
‘Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree bad, and its fruit bad; for **the tree is known by its fruit.**

Matthew 12:33

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What is the fruit?



What is the fruit?

“Even a child is known by his deeds, whether what he does is pure and right”

Proverbs 20:11

What is the fruit?



Isn't that just 'faith by works'?

However, we know that a person isn't made righteous by the works of the Law but rather through **the faithfulness of Jesus Christ**. We ourselves believed in Christ Jesus so that we could be made righteous by **the faithfulness of Christ** and not by the works of the Law—because no one will be made righteous by the works of the Law.

Galatians 2:16

Doing is a test of authenticity!



True Disciples

²¹ “Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.

²² On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’²³ But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’

Matthew 7:21-23

Integrity!

Faith (is not just intellectual ascent to ideas)

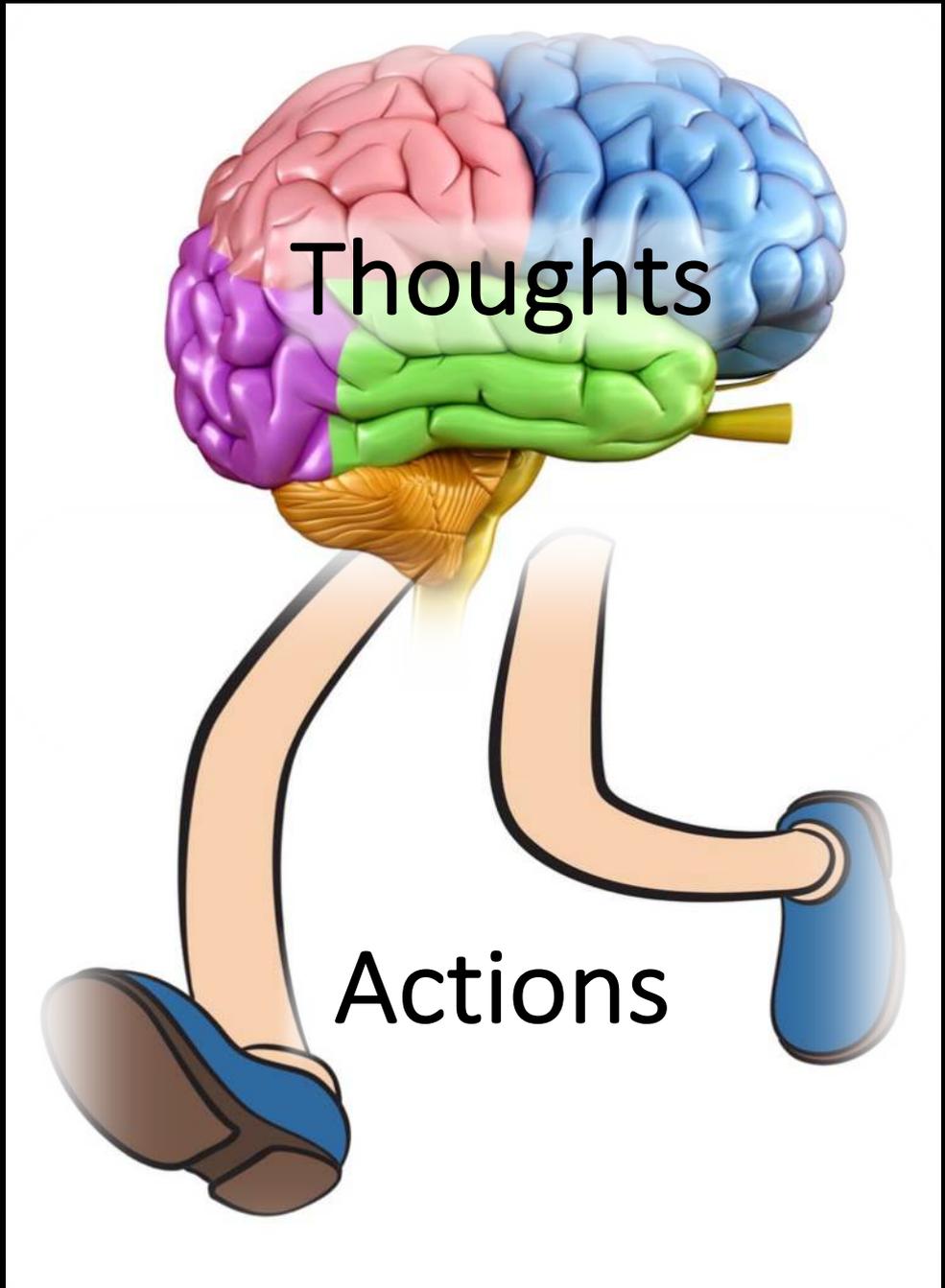
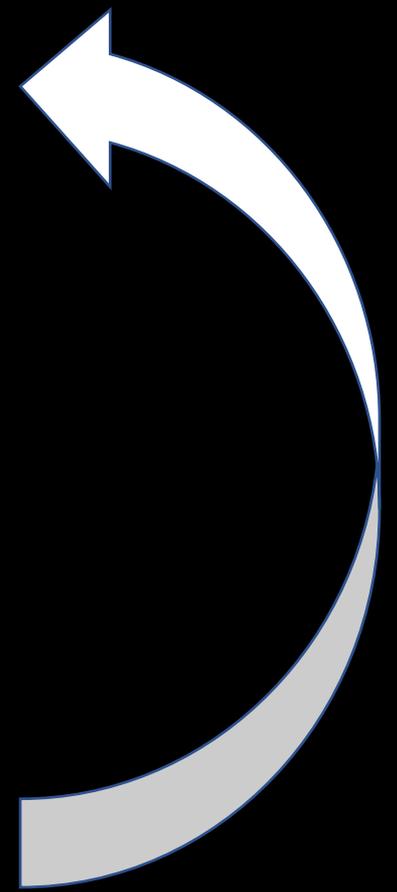
Faith leads inescapably to action.

Action (is not how we are saved)

Action builds and shapes faith.

Thoughts

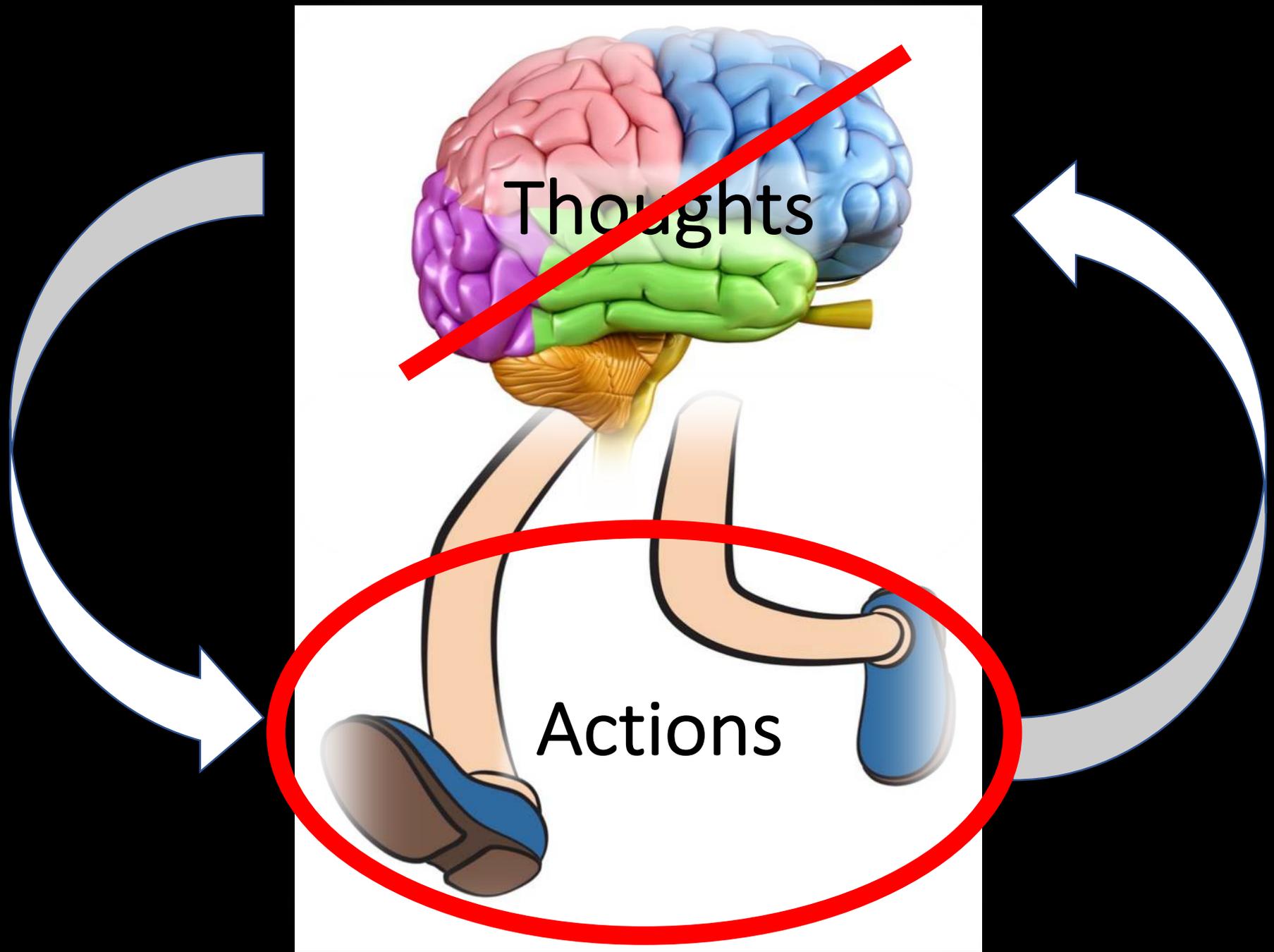
Actions





The power of liturgy and ritual





You will be known by your fruit!



Jesus for sale...

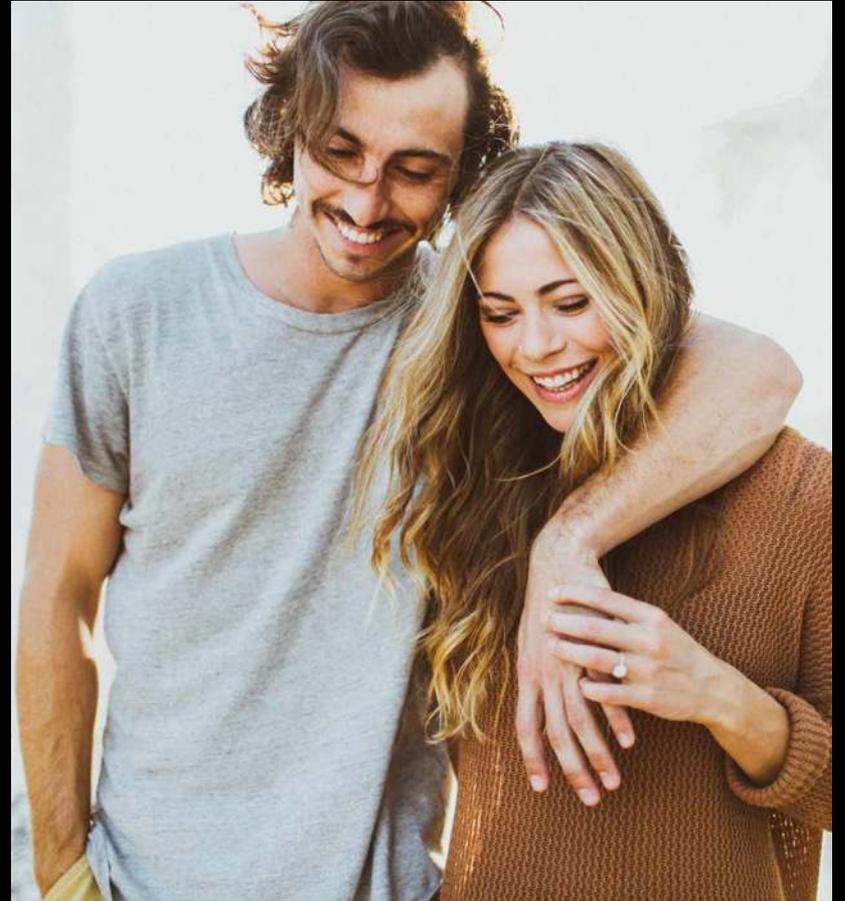
(Easy cheesy consumer Christianity)



God is into reality...



A fruitful life



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