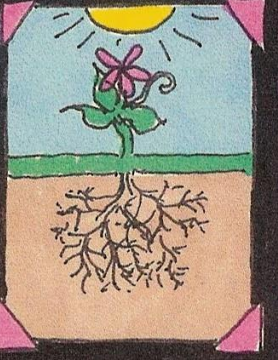
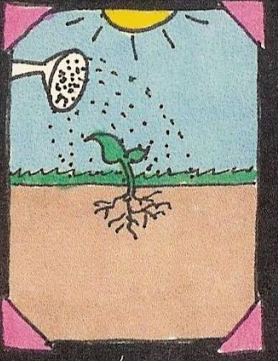
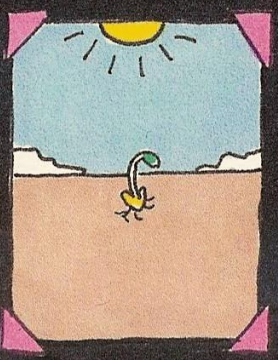


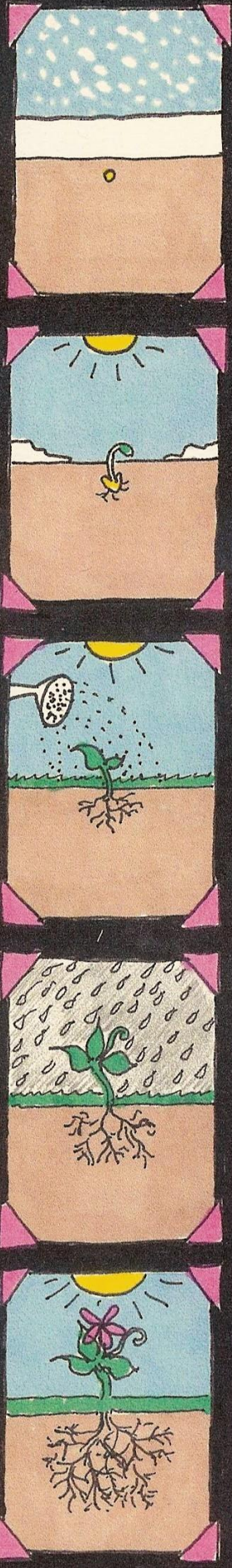
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COLOSSIANS 3:15 ... AND BY YE THANKFUL.

The more I observe in this world, the more I find elements of God's creation for which I can be thankful. Now for me, this presents a problem: I am not a very observant person. I don't mean religiously observant; I simply don't observe all that is around me. For example: I obey red lights, but when asked recently if the red light was top, middle or bottom of a stop light – I was sure. I go to a yoga class once a week. I know there is a lamp in the room, but I couldn't describe it to you. What my friend wore when we had lunch yesterday is a blur. I just don't readily observe all that surrounds me.

When I do observe with purpose, however, I note much for which I can be thankful: the scent of a spring morning, the feeling of energy





after a job successfully accomplished, the intensity of a blue sky. I've found that better observation leads to increased thankfulness. Why wouldn't I want to enrich my Christian life with more thanksgiving? Lent of 2011 seems the time to concentrate on just that. Becoming more observant is a big task; it's one that I will begin during the next few weeks and pray to continue as a part of my spiritual journey. Greater observation of God's world – greater thanksgiving. Now that's a gift that I can't turn down.



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