

Fruit or Fire !!!

Matthew 7:16-23 “Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

2 Corinthians 13:5 “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?”

1. The fruit of your Commitment .

2 Timothy 1:12 “For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded [convinced] that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.”

2. The fruit of keeping God’s Commandments .

1 John 2:4 “He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

Luke 6:46 “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”

3. The fruit of Chastisement .

Hebrews 12:8 “But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.”

Hebrews 12:11 “Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”

4. The fruit of a Changed life.

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

Galatians 5:22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.”

5. The fruit of Conversation .

James 1:26 “If any man among you seem to be religious and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this mans religion is vain.”

Luke 6:44-46 “For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”

6. The fruit of **Contentment** .

John 14:27 “**Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you**: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

7. The fruit of **Continuance** .

Matthew 24:12-13 “And because **iniquity shall abound**, the love of **many shall wax cold**. But **he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved**.”

1 John 2:19 “**They went out from us**, but **they were not of us**; for **if they had been of us**, they would **no doubt** have **continued with us**: but they went **out**, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.”