Lesson 6: Christian Character

Memorize: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law.”

(Galatians 5:22-23)

Introduction: One of the most important questions that we can ask is, “What is the evidence and proof that someone is a Christian, a true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ?” We know that attending church does not make one a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes anyone a car.

**HOW WILL OTHERS KNOW YOU ARE A TRUE CHRISTIAN?**

“Ye shall know them by their\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ye shall know them.” Matthew 7:16-20

What Jesus was telling us in these verses is that people produce fruit just as trees do. Their fruit (the way they live their lives) is the result of their character. The inward condition is seen in their outward actions.

People are either one of two types of trees:

Bad tree (bad character)—produces bad fruit, which are the works of the flesh.

Good tree (good character)—Produces good fruit, which is the fruit of the Spirit.

1. Underline the works of the flesh listed in Galatians 5: 19-21.

“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

2. Underline the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23.

**“**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

3. Paul said the manifestation of a Christ-like life was compared to observers reading an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_written not with ink but with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 3: 2-3).

4. How will men know if you are a disciple of Christ? (John 13:35).

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5. Is it possible to profess to be a Christian, but in your actions deny him? (Titus 1:16). \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.