

Rediscover Jesus
Part 14: Good and Bad Fruit | Luke 6:43-45
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Bear good fruit by addressing your heart with the gospel.

I. Warning of Hypocrisy (vv. 43-44)

⁴³ “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit,
⁴⁴ for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush.

John 15:5 = I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Luke 3:8-9 = Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

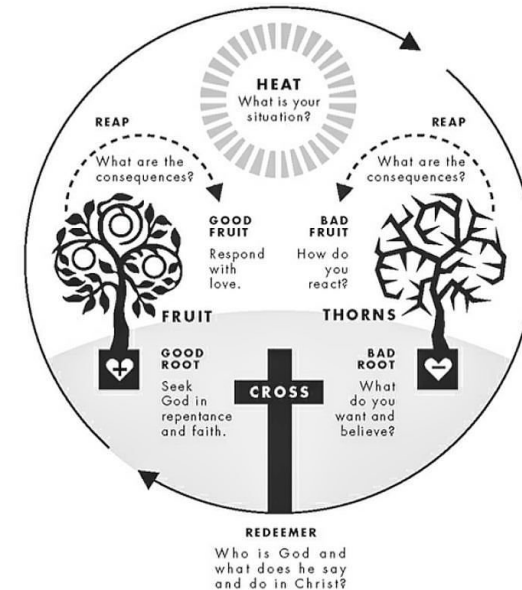
II. Addressing the Heart (v. 45)

⁴⁵ The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

“The Bible uses “heart” to describe the inner person. Scripture divides the human being into two parts, the inner and outer being. The outer person is your physical self; the inner person is your spiritual self (Eph. 3:16). The synonym the Bible most often uses for the inner being is the heart. It encompasses all the other terms and functions used to describe the inner person (spirit, soul, mind, emotions, will, etc.). These other terms do not describe something different from the heart. Rather, they are aspects of it, parts or functions of the inner person.

The heart is the “real” you. It is the essential core of who you are.”¹

¹ Paul Tripp, *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 2002), 59.



1. **Heat.** This is the person’s situation in daily life, with difficulties, blessings, and temptations.
2. **Thorns.** This is the person’s ungodly response to the situation. It includes behavior, the heart driving the behavior, and the consequences that result.
3. **Cross.** This focuses on the presence of God in his redemptive glory and love. Through Christ, he brings comfort, cleansing, and the power to change.
4. **Fruit.** This is the person’s new godly response to the situation resulting from God’s power at work in the heart. It includes behavior, the heart renewed by grace, and the harvest of consequences that follow.²

Life Application

1. Examine the fruit of your life and ask yourself, “Am I really a disciple of Christ?”
2. Repent of sin patterns in your heart and convict yourself with the joy that you have in the gospel.
3. Seek out discipling relationships to intentionally help one another understand and apply the gospel in your lives.

² Timothy S. Lane and Paul David Tripp, *How People Change* (Greensboro, NC: New Growth Press, 2008), 97, Kindle.