

Good Tree...! Good Fruit...!

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:13-27

The people of this world can be divided into two groups. One, Good folks and the other are the contrary.

How do we know if a person is good or bad? We can know it by their deeds. Good people do what is good and bad people do that which is bad. We can easily find out the three that is good and the tree that's bad. Good tree can never give forth bad fruits. Bad tree can never give forth good fruits.

A good tree and good fruits refer to good deeds and good character. Bad tree and bad fruits refer to bad character and bad deeds. Just as the thread that knits the flowers together also gets the scent of the flower, we who are with God should get His character and bear good fruits. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing". John 15:45.

We read in Galatians 5:22,23 about the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit. We can classify these fruits into three groups. 1. The fruits that we receive from God – Love, Joy and peace. 2. The fruits that others receive from us – Longsuffering, Kindness and Goodness. 3. Fruits to be found in us – Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control.

It is the responsibility of each believer to receive these gifts and express it in their lives. We can please God by expressing these attributes in our life. In our next lessons we shall more keenly meditate on these fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Questions:

1. What does good tree-good fruit and bad tree-bad fruit refer to?
2. When will we give much fruit?
3. How can we please God?