

Inner Healing VI:
Producing Good and Bad Fruit
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INTRODUCTION

This is the sixth article I have written on Inner Healing. I want here to address the kinds of fruit we are producing. Trees are described in Scripture from Genesis to Revelations the Holy Spirit uses them as illustrations. We as people are called metaphorically in Scripture several things but one thing I want to use is in Psalm 1. This states how we are to produce good fruit and prosper.

Psalms 1:2-3 (NASB) But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

When I stand before a group to teach this subject of inner healing I usually use a overhead projector for the audience to see how a schematic of a tree. I say we are like a tree and the growth of the tree corresponds to the different stages of life of a person. We will pray through the stages of growth at my next writing. But now let us look at the fruit a tree produces.

LET'S START AT THE TOP WITH BAD AND GOOD FRUIT

In the top of the tree is the place the fruit is produces. There can be wonderful delicious fruit that others enjoy pick and partake of. They reach out toward you, and come back with luscious fruit. The way we enjoy our own the fruit is the knowing the reality of what the Holy Spirit has produce and the pleasure of being used by to bless others.

But sometimes one reaches in and gets fruit which has rotted and the result is not too palatable. Two of the things that rotted fruit attracts is birds and flies. Birds are sometimes referred to in Scripture as demons as seen in Jesus telling the parable of the sower and the seed. The first Scriptures in Matthew 13 tell of results of demons and how they steal producing bad fruit.

*Matt 13:3-4 (NASB) "And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "**Behold, the sower went out to sow; and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up.**"*

Matt 13:18-19 (NASB) "Hear then the parable of the sower. "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.

The second culprit that attacks rotten fruit is flies. In our home we most always have fruit on the kitchen counter for the taking and eating. Sometime it stays out too long and fruit flies seem to come from nowhere to eat the fruit. The only way they will leave is to remove the over ripened fruit. How they get in the house remains a mystery. They seem to come from nowhere. They just appear. That is the way with the devil and his demons. Right?

There is an interesting passage in Scripture that tells of these flies.

Matt 12:26-28 (NASB) "If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? "If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? For this reason they will be your judges. "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."

Beelzebub or Beelzebul means "the lord of the flies", so when you have some rotting fruit showing itself, the problem is compounded by birds and flies, demons attacking.

PRODUCING GOOD FRUIT.

Sometimes someone may see you or I walk up and believe they are going to get some good fruit off our tree. But they reach and pull back some rotten fruit. We don't want to be like that but if we have been walking according to the flesh I am sorry to say we sometimes may produce bad fruit.

Let's be in the group of good fruit producers. I have found that when I have forgiven and walk in constant forgiveness the good fruit of the Holy Spirit is produced for all. This Good and Bad fruit is contrasted in the following Scripture. This is long but is so important.

Gal 5:14-26 (NASB) For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please . But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality , impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,

kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

Let us allow the Holy Spirit to produce His good fruit and not allow the devil to attack rotten fruit.

Next article we will address and pray through the stages of life

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