

Luke 6

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HIGHLIGHT

“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.”

— *Luke 6:43–45 (NIV)*

EXPLAIN

In this passage, Jesus teaches that our lives will reveal the true condition of our hearts. Just as the health of a tree can be seen from the fruit it produces, our words and actions show what is stored within us. Jesus’ desire for us is one rooted not in outward behavior but in inward transformation. This passage reminds us that genuine faith produces visible fruit. God’s wants a deeper relationship with us, one that transforms us from within and naturally bears noticeably healthy fruit.

APPLY

These verses challenge me to look inward and examine the fruit of my life. What do my words, tone, and actions reveal about what’s growing in my heart? If I’m producing bitterness, impatience, or any negativity, I know it’s time to invite the Lord to renew me from within. When I spend time in prayer and in His Word, seeds of kindness, humility, and peace grow within me. This is the fruit that reflects His character to those around me.

RESPOND

Dear Lord, help me to fully commit to filling my heart daily with your Word and into a deeper, more intimate relationship with you so that my words and actions bear good fruit. Cleanse my heart from anything that doesn’t honor You. Fill me with Your Spirit so that my words and actions reflect Your goodness, and let the fruit of my life draw others to Christ. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.