SERMON ON THE MOUNT

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW



Your path determines your destination



Fruit reveals Roots



Matthew 7:15-20



False Prophets

Know them by their fruit Fruit inspection is our right and responsibility



FRUIT - Karpos (n)

1) moral characteristics



He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? But to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8



FRUIT - Karpos (n)

2) Spiritual characteristics from a relationship with Jesus



I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Galatians 5:16-18

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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-25



FRUIT – Karpophoreō (v)

Nurturing of Godly virtues as a result of exposure to the Word of God



As we are exposed to the Word of God, we are challenged to nurture the learned Godly virtue.



Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me."

John 14:23-24



A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13: 34-35



Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

Luke 3:8



We should be different from who we were.

The fruit has to come from somewhere:

Spiritual Fruit = Healthy Tree

Healthy Tree = Healthy roots



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