

## **The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree**

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**Luke 13:1-5**, *“About this time Jesus was informed that Pilate had murdered some people from Galilee as they were offering sacrifices at the Temple. <sup>2</sup> “Jesus asked, “Do you think those Galileans were worse sinners than all the other people from Galilee? Is that why they suffered? <sup>3</sup> Not at all! And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God. <sup>4</sup> And what about the eighteen people who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them? Were they the worst sinners in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, and I tell you again that unless you repent, you will perish, too.”*

**2 Corinthians 7:8-10**, *“For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it... <sup>9</sup> I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. <sup>10</sup> For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.”*

**2 Corinthians 7:11**, *“Just see what this godly sorrow produced in you! Such earnestness, such concern to clear yourselves, such indignation, such alarm, such longing to see me, such zeal, and such a readiness to punish wrong. You showed that you have done everything necessary to make things right.”*

**Luke 13:6-9**, *“Jesus began telling this parable: “A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any. <sup>7</sup> And he said to the vineyard-keeper, ‘Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?’ <sup>8</sup> And he answered and said to him, ‘Leave it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; <sup>9</sup> and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.’”*

### **1. God Expects All of Us to Bear Fruit**

**Romans 1:13**, *“Often I have planned to come to you so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.”*

**James 5:19-20**, *“My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, <sup>20</sup> let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”*

**Romans 15:26-28**, *“Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup> If the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things. <sup>28</sup> I have put my seal on this fruit of theirs...”*

**Galatians 5:22-23**, *“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control.”*

**2 Peter 1:5-8**, “In your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge,<sup>6</sup> and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness,<sup>7</sup> and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.<sup>8</sup> For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful.”

**Psalms 1:1-3**, “How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!<sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.

<sup>3</sup> 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.”

**John 15:5**, “Apart from Me, you can do nothing.”

**Romans 7:15**, “I do not understand my own actions. I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.”

**Hebrews 7:25**, “Jesus is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

**1 John 1:9**, “If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

**2 Thessalonians 1:9**, “The penalty is eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.”

**2 Peter 1:5-11**, “In your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge,<sup>6</sup> and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness,<sup>7</sup> and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.<sup>8</sup> For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.<sup>10</sup> Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;<sup>11</sup> for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.”