

Luke 13:6-9

6 He spake also this parable; A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. 7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

8 And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung *it*: 9 And if it bear fruit, *well*: and if not, *then* after that thou shalt cut it down.

God has always sought fruit from his people

Isaiah 5:4 What more could I have done for My vineyard than I did? Why, when I expected a yield of good grapes, did it yield worthless grapes?

Matthew 3:8 Therefore produce fruit consistent with repentance.

Matthew 21:43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

God has always sought fruit from his people

Luke 8:15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep *it*, and bring forth fruit with patience.

John 15:1-2 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

God has always sought fruit from his people

John 15:8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

The man looked for fruit

God has the right to expect fruit

God is looking at all time toward us

Hebrews 4:13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

He is searching for fruit bourn for him

Finding no fruit he orders the tree
cut down

God judges by fruit not by intentions or
words

He has judged the fruit of Israel in the
past

He will look to our fruit

The gardener intercedes

He agrees to the judgment of not bearing fruit

He asks for time to enable the tree

He does all that is necessary that the tree might be able to bear fruit

We all bear fruit every day

Every word we speak to another

Every action of our lives has a result

The amount of fruit is different as is our
abilities

The types of fruit are different

How much of our fruit is for our Lord?

Not compared to each other

But compared to our given ability

It is about what you can do

Are we truly living for the Lord or ourselves?

Jesus has interceded for us

He has given us this time to produce for
God

He has gifted us with Spiritual Gifts to
produce fruit

His Spirit will guide and enable us to
produce fruit

You have the responsibility to
produce fruit for God

You have been given the ability

You have been given the opportunity

It is time to set aside other things and
produce for the Lord