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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
JESUS unMASKED : Episode 5
Good Tree, Good Fruit - Bad Tree, Bad Fruit
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Luke 6:43-45

⁴³“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. ⁴⁴Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn bushes, or grapes from briars.

⁴⁵A 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.

TREE OF LIFE

- **It’s all about the fruit.**
 - **Matt 13:8** *Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.*
 - **Matt 3:10** *The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce **good fruit** will be cut down and thrown into the fire.*

Judging Fruit— DON’T JUDGE Mt 7:1 “Judge not, that you be not judged.”

Vs. 44 *Each tree is **recognized** by its own fruit.*

- **Gal 5:22** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control.*
 - **People are attracted to good fruit.**
 - **Vs. 44b** *People do not pick figs from thorn bushes, or grapes from briars.*

Fruit Come From The Heart

Vs. 45 *A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart.*

***Silos of the heart:** The heart is a storehouse.

- **Proverbs 4:23** *Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*
- **Generosity:** A good man “**brings out**”.

A Matrix Of Fruit Production

- Fruit production begins in the **mind**, is stored in the **heart** and comes out of the **mouth**.
 - **You are what you think-**
 - **Psalm 1:2-4** *Blessed is the one whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who **meditates** on his law day and night. ³That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.*
 - **Mt: 13:34** *You brood of vipers! How can you speak good things, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.*
 - **Lk 6:45a** *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.*

Maybe it’s time to survey your crops.

Food for the journey: Use these questions and challenges to go deeper in community group discussion or in personal reflection.

1. Pastor Adam spoke about life beyond biology. According to this verse, how do we know when we are truly living?
2. The world tells us not to judge, but is that even possible? How do we measure what is good fruit or bad fruit?
3. According to the word of God, when you are truly alive, your life has a generous quality. What are some ways we can be more generous?
4. The message spoke about the quality of life you lead having a lot to do with what you meditate upon. To put it bluntly, you are what you think. Are you finding this true for yourself?
5. If you were to survey the fruit of your life, how would you define it's quality and abundance?