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## **Good Fruit**

**Do you want your life to bear good or bad fruit?** That is an easy question to answer. Of course, I want my life to bear good fruit. Who, in their right mind, would want to live a life that bore bad fruit? It is the desire of my heart to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. You have heard me say that many times. **Yes, I have heard you say that repeatedly. I will never tire of hearing you say that to me.** I'm glad about that.

**You have a very large role in determining the quality and the amount of fruit you will bear for me.** How is that? **What you store up in your heart and mind will come out of your life.** What do you mean by that? How can I store up things in my life? **Everything that you take into your heart and mind gets stored up in you. Everything that you hear and see will be stored in you. Everything that you think, say and do gets stored in you.** I didn't realize that.

**You may not be aware of it, but, there is a daily battle in a war going on over your heart and mind and life.** What does that mean? **The battle and war that I am referring to can be expressed with one question.** What is that question? **What are you allowing to be stored up in you?** I'm not sure what you mean. **Are you allowing my word to be stored up in you? Are you allowing what is good and right and true to be stored up in you? Are you thinking thoughts that are pleasing to me? Are you going and doing what I ask of you? Are you putting into practice all that I am showing you?** These are all ways to store up good things in my heart and mind. **That's right.** If I store up all these good things in me, I will bear an abundance of good fruit for your kingdom. **Yes, you will.** If I do just the opposite and store up a lot of garbage in my heart and mind I will not bear good fruit for you. In fact, my life will bear bad fruit. **That's right.** Whatever I store up in my heart and mind will one day come out. **That's true. Will you store up good things in your heart and mind so your life can bear good fruit for my kingdom?** Yes Lord, I will.

*Lord, In the past I have stored up a lot of garbage in my heart. Help me to guard my heart. Help me to store up your word in my heart. I want all the good that has been stored up in my heart to come out. I want to bear an abundance of good fruit for you. Amen*

**Transformation** *Overflow Of His Heart*

"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. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

NIV Luke 6:43-45

**Transformation** *Flows From What Is In Your Heart*

"A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs never grow on thornbushes, nor grapes on bramble bushes. A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

NLT Luke 6:43-45

**Transformation** *Out Of The Abundance Of The Heart*

"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

NRSV Luke 6:43-45

**Transformation** *Abundance Of The Heart*

For there is no good (healthy) tree that bears decayed (worthless, stale) fruit, nor on the other hand does a decayed (worthless, sickly) tree bear good fruit. For each tree is known and identified by its own fruit; for figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor is a cluster of grapes picked from a bramblebush. The upright (honorable, intrinsically good) man out of the good treasure [stored] in his heart produces what is upright (honorable and intrinsically good), and the evil man out of the evil storehouse brings forth that which is depraved (wicked and intrinsically evil); for out of the abundance (overflow) of the heart his mouth speaks.

AMP Luke 6:43-45

**Transformation** *From That Which Fills His Heart*

"For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. "For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. "The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.

NASB Luke 6:43-45

**Transformation** *Out Of The Abundance Of The Heart*

"For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

ESV Luke 6:43-45

**Transformation** *Out Of The Abundance Of The Heart*

"For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

NKJV Luke 6:43-45

**Transformation** *Your True Being Brims Over*

"You don't get wormy apples off a healthy tree, nor good apples off a diseased tree. The health of the apple tells the health of the tree. You must begin with your own life-giving lives. It's who you are, not what you say and do, that counts. Your true being brims over into true words and deeds.

MSG Luke 6:43-45

**Transformation** *Whatever Is In The Heart Overflows*

"A tree from good stock doesn't produce scrub fruit nor do trees from poor stock produce choice fruit. A tree is identified by the kind of fruit it produces. Figs never grow on thorns, or grapes on bramble bushes. A good man produces good deeds from a good heart. And an evil man produces evil deeds from his hidden wickedness. Whatever is in the heart overflows into speech.

TLB Luke 6:43-45

**Transformation** *Things That Are In Their Hearts*

"A good tree does not produce bad fruit, nor does a bad tree produce good fruit. Each tree is known by its own fruit. People don't gather figs from thornbushes, and they don't get grapes from bushes. Good people bring good things out of the good they stored in their hearts. But evil people bring evil things out of the evil they stored in their hearts. People speak the things that are in their hearts.

NCV Luke 6:43-45

# Overflow Of His Heart

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Transformation – Luke 6:43-45

**In Context:** *Read Luke 6*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, In the past I have stored up a lot of garbage in my heart. Help me to guard my heart. Help me to store up your word in my heart. I want all the good that has been stored up in my heart to come out. I want to bear an abundance of good fruit for you. Amen

**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How strong is your desire to store up good things in your heart so they can come out of your life?

**What good things are you storing up in your heart so that good will come out of your life?**

How has storing up God's word in your heart brought good fruit out of your life?

What kind of activities will lead to your continuing to bear good fruit for the Lord?

**What has sometimes hindered you from bearing good fruit for the Lord?**

What fruit destroying thoughts, words, and deeds must you guard against if you want to bear fruit for the Lord?

**How is your life now bearing an abundance of good fruit for the Lord?**

**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make it your daily practice to store up good things in your heart so they will come out of your life.

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the good that is stored up in your heart will come out of your life.

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are storing up good things in your heart.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you store up good things in your heart so that they will come out of your life*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will store up good things in my heart so they will come out of my life.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what good things do you want me to store up in my heart today?*

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