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Brought Out

What will be brought out of your life? I'm not sure what you mean. **What thoughts will you think? What words will you speak? What deeds will you do?** I hope that I will think and speak and do what is good and right and true. It is the desire of my heart to do what is good and right and pleasing to you. I want my life to bear good fruit for your kingdom. I want my life to bring glory to your name. I want my life to shine brightly for you as a witness in the world. I want others to be drawn to you because they see the light of your life shining in and through me. **Those are all very good desires.**

You have a choice to make if you want all these good desires to come true in your life. What choice must I make? **You must decide what you allow your heart and mind and life to feed on.** Could you be clearer? **Yes, I can be clearer. You have heard it said that you must not allow yourself to be conformed to the world and that you must allow yourself to be transformed by the renewal of your mind.** Yes, I have that thought fixed firmly in my heart and mind. **That is very good. Then you must know that there are worldly and evil and dark and sinful thoughts that are trying to conform you into their mold.** Yes, I am well aware of what you are describing. **You must reject all these thoughts. You must not feed on any of these thoughts. You must remove any source of worldly and evil and dark and sinful thoughts from your heart and mind and life.** That I will do. **That will be very good. But that will not be enough.** What more must I do? What other choice must I make? **You must allow yourself to feed on my word. You must store up my word in your heart and mind and life. You must allow my word to dwell in you richly. Then you will have what you want. Then you will have what you been asking for. Then you will have the desires of your heart. Then you will live a life that is good and right and pleasing me to me. Then you will shine brightly for me as a witness in the world. Then good fruit will be brought out of your life.** I will leave behind worldly and evil and dark and sinful thoughts as I allow my mind to feast on your word. I will allow your word to dwell in me richly. Daily, I will take your word deep into my heart and mind and life. **That will be very good. Then your hopes and dreams and desires and prayers will be answered.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, I will remove toxic material from my life and not allow it to be stored up in my heart. Instead, I will make it my daily practice to store up your word in my heart. Use your word to change my heart, transform my mind, and bring good things out of my life. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Stored Up*

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NIV Luke 6:43-45

Becoming Like Christ *Treasury*

"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

Becoming Like Christ *Good Treasure*

"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

Becoming Like Christ *Good Treasure*

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 bramble bush. 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

Becoming Like Christ *Good Treasure*

"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

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ESV Luke 6:43-45

Becoming Like Christ *Good Treasure*

"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

Becoming Like Christ *Who You Are*

"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

Becoming Like Christ *A Good Heart*

"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

Becoming Like Christ *Stored In*

"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

Stored Up

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – 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?)***

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

Why must you carefully guard what you allow your heart and mind and life to feed on?

Why will what you allow yourself to hear and see most certainly be stored up in your heart?

When have you discovered that you were allowing your heart and mind and life to feed on something toxic?

Why can you be certain that whatever is stored up in your heart will certainly come out of your life?

What will toxic material will you remove from your life so that you will no longer feed on it?

How are you making it your daily practice to store up God’s word in your heart?

How has storing up God’s word in your heart brought very good things out of your life?

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

Make it your daily practice to store up God’s word in your heart so good things will be brought out of your life.

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

Have faith that the Lord will bring good things out of your life as you store up His word in your heart.

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

Share with another person or your small group how you are regularly storing up God’s word 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?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

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

May you store God's word in your heart so your life will bear good fruit for Him.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will store your word in my heart so my life will bear fruit for you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I store up your word in my heart and bear fruit for you today?
