



Christianity In Real Life

The Importance of Admitting the Obvious

Luke 6:43-45

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43 "For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, **44** for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. **45** 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)

1. Understand _____ (vv.43-44)

2. Note _____ (v.45a)

3. Distinguish _____ (v.45b)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Philippians 3:7-9**. Why is a clear understanding of passages like this so important before there is any discussion of the "fruit" of good works in the Christian life?
2. Read **James 2:14-26**. Explain in your own words why this emphasized aspect of saving faith does not contradict Philippians 3:7-9.
3. Read **Matthew 7:15-20**. Though some will claim that the teaching about the relationship between faith and good works should only be utilized for one's own self-evaluation, why does Jesus insist that we consider it a standard of measure for the lives of others as well? In what other situations might this also be important?
4. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17**. Consider your own life and describe some of the obvious changes that were affected from the inside out when you became a Christian.

5. Read **Proverbs 28:13-14**. When regenerate people do sin, how is their response noticeably different than when unregenerate people sin?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

February 23rd

Num. 8-10 & Mk. 5:1-20

February 24th

Num. 11-13 & Mk. 5:21-43

February 25th

Num. 14-15 & Mk. 6:1-32

February 26th

Num. 16-17 & Mk. 6:33-56

February 27th

Num. 18-20 & Mk. 7:1-13

February 28th

Num. 21-23 & Mk. 7:14-8:10

March 1st

Num. 24-27 & Mk. 8:11-38

March 2nd

Num. 28-29 & Mk. 9:1-29

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 09-19 – **Making Sense of Abraham's Faith & Works**

Msg. # 12-12 – **Real Change from the Inside Out**

Msg. # 06-14 – **A Crash Course in Repentance and Faith**

Msg. # 13-03 – **Being Sure to Move from Creeds to Deeds**

Msg. # 06-04 – **Working & Trusting to Prove the Reality of My Faith**

Msg. # 06-52 – **Good Works & Eternal Life: Avoiding the Biggest Misunderstanding**

Msg. # 97-24 – **But I've Always Been a Christian**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Chantry, Walter J. **Today's Gospel: Authentic or Synthetic?** Banner of Truth, 1970.

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Miller, C. John. **Repentance and the 20th Century Man.** Christian Literature Crusade, 1975.

Needham, David. **Alive for the First Time: A Fresh Look at the New Birth Miracle.** Multnomah Press, 1995.

Owen, John. **Christians Are Forever.** Reprint, Grace Publications, 1993.

Pettegrew, Larry D. **The New Covenant Ministry of the Holy Spirit.** Kregel, 2001.

Pink, A. W. **Repentance.** Triangle Press, 1996.

Schaeffer, Francis A. **The Finished Work of Christ: The Truth of Romans 1 – 8.** Crossway Books, 1998.

Sproul, R. C. **Faith Alone: The Evangelical Doctrine of Justification.** Baker Books, 1995.

Whitney, Donald. **How Can I Be Sure I'm a Christian? What the Bible Says About Assurance.** NavPress, 1994.