

# *The Fruit Reveals the Root*

**Luke 6:43-45**

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## Introduction

- The Aamco Commercial
- Diagnostic moves from symptoms to cause.
- Jesus has called us to self-examination
- How do we know what is happening at heart level?

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### **A. Natural Observations** as an Arborist

1. Healthy trees produce healthy fruit.
2. Each tree is recognized by its fruit.

### **B. Spiritual Application**

1. Application to False Teachers—Matthew 7:15-23
  - a. Fruit of Character—2 Peter 2
  - b. Fruit of Creed—Isaiah 8:20
2. Application to Individuals: Means of evaluating the spiritual condition of our hearts.
  - a. **Analysis of the “heart”**
    - 1) Secular psychology’s view of man
    - 2) Biblical View of man
      - a. Man’s heart is depraved.—Romans 1
      - b. Man’s heart is deceitful—Jeremiah 17:9
      - c. Saved man’s heart is divided—Romans 8
  - b. **Illustration** of the “Root and Fruit” connection
  - c. **Corrective Measure:** Tracing the “Fruit” to the “root” and then doing something about the “root”
    - 1) Secular Psychology cannot deal with the “root”
    - 2) Only Christ can change the “root”
  - d. **Preventative Measure:** What are you “storing in your heart?”
    - 1) Storing God’s Word in our hearts produces positive, healthy fruit.—Psalm 1; Psalm 119:11; Colossians 3:16
    - 2) Storing away the thoughts of the flesh will produce adverse fruit in us.