

A Tree and Its Fruit

In the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus wants his disciples to understand that his call to follow him requires a comprehensive, integrated commitment to becoming like Christ. It must touch who we are at every level – what we think, what we do/say, and what we love.

Three key questions for fruitful disciples:

1. Who are we?
 - a. We must 'own' our fruit
 - b. Do we accept that our fruit demonstrates our identity?
2. What do we do?
 - a. We must acknowledge the quality of our fruit
 - b. Do we excuse our 'less circumspect' moments?
3. What do we love?
 - a. We must connect our sins to what our hearts treasure.
 - b. What are the things that we treasure from which our bad fruit 'overflows?'

Application:

1. What does your fruit say about your life and faith?
2. Are there things that you need to stop treasuring?
3. Will you change your fruit? Luke 3:7-9