

The Fig Tree

(Part 3)

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ ⁸ “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’” (Luke 13:6-9)

The message from the parable of the fig tree is a challenge for us, the Lord really wants us to bear the fruit that he desire in our lives. In **Mark 11:12-14** we can read a real story about the fig tree, ¹² *The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. ¹³ Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ Then he said to the tree, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard him say it.*” The Lord was not able to find fruit in the fig tree because it was not the season for that. But for us we are to be fruitful, effective and productive in our lives. The fig tree was not fruitful because that was not the season for it, but for you God wants you to be ready for Him and fruitful in all times. In **2 Timothy 4:2** *“Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.”* You are called to be prepared in season and out of season and that require from you to be in line with the truth of God and His word. If you are living your own life and doing your own plan and will then you will never be ready for God and what God wants you to be and to do unless you repent. To be ready for God, I pray that you will be able to overcome your own will, your own flesh and sinful desires and your own selfish ambition. And for that you need to surrender your life fully to God and ask Him to be the Lord over your all life. If that is then the case then there are three types of fruit will start to appear in your life and that will please the Lord.

1- Fruit of repentance: *“Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.”* (Matthew 3:8) To turn away from sin and renounce all your shortcomings; this will open the way for you to reach God and meet him face to face through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2- Fruit of the Holy Spirit: *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”* (Galatians 5:22-23) The fruit of the Holy Spirit will build in you the Christian character who makes you love and care, to be always joyful and at peace, overcoming trials, trouble and persecution with more Christ characters of kindness, gentleness, patience, perseverance and self-control, focusing on God and the goals that the Lord had set before you to achieve in life.

3- Fruit of bringing new souls to God: *“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.”* (John 15:16) Your life will be a testimony to others and as they will see your style of living they will come to know God and will praise the Father in heaven as Jesus said, *“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”* (Matthew 5:16)

As long as the message is bringing warning from God to your life to avoid God’s wrath and judgment, then there is still a hope for you. There is someone is praying and interceding for

you, *‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year’* Jesus at the right hand of God the Father is interceding for you and the church of God is praying for your behalf to be forgiven by the Lord and to be given another chance to repent and to correct yourself before God’s judgment. The following points we as church we want to emphases and we can help you with.

1- Praying for you: We are really praying for you and for everyone who had gone astray away from God and away from doing God’s will.

2- Warning you: *“I will take away their harvest, declares the LORD. There will be no grapes on the vine. There will be no figs on the tree, and their leaves will wither. What I have given them will be taken from them.”* (Jeremiah 8:13) Don’t be deceived with those who keep telling you peace and peace while still you are sinning against the Lord. There will be no peace for you unless you repent and forsake sins. Do not also be deceived when you think that if you listen to the word of God that will cover up your sins. Many they go to churches and listen to the word but are unwilling to repent. They are thinking as long as they hear the message the blessings of God will flow in their lives. But the blessing of the Lord will flow only if there is repentance. This is what the word of God tells us, *“When such a person hears the words of this oath, he invokes a blessing on himself and therefore thinks, “I will be safe, even though I persist in going my own way.” This will bring disaster on the watered land as well as the dry. The LORD will never be willing to forgive him; his wrath and zeal will burn against that man. All the curses written in this book will fall upon him, and the LORD will blot out his name from under heaven. The LORD will single him out from all the tribes of Israel for disaster, according to all the curses of the covenant written in this Book of the Law.”* (Deuteronomy 29:19-21) You need to repent and renounce all your sins then after God’s blessing will flow in your life.

3- Digging around you: You might not be happy if we will be checking you and try to touch the sensitive and personal areas of your life. That is mandatory for your healing and wellbeing. Sick people they go to doctors who examine them carefully and closely and prescribe to them the require medicine or the surgical procedure that is needed for their healing. Correction, rebuke and disciple are the healing instruments that the Lord put in the church hand to help you. Don’t be ashamed to open up your life to us; we are here to help you and be delivered from sins and bondages, *“He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”* (Proverbs 28:13) As you are willing to open up and willing to confess your sins then we will be able to give you the right advice and the way you live and we can pray for your full recovery and the Lord will answer. *“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”* (James 5:16)

My Dear and Beloved: *“Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.”* (Proverbs 19:20) *“This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.”* (Deuteronomy 30:19-20) As you agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I repent from the following sins _____.* *Lord gives me one more chance to follow you and walk in your ways and to bear fruit that you desire to see in my life. This all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.*