



## ***"THE MYSTERY"***

How to be a good tree.

"A good tree produces good fruit." Matthew 7:17

### 1. Water (God's Presence) Psalms 42:1-2

- A. Got thirst?
- B. Not an irregular soaking, but a daily watering.
- C. When it's hot, trees need more water.

### 2. Soil (God's Love) Ephesians 3:17

- A. What type of soil are you? Matthew 13:3-9
  - Hard- nothing sinks in
  - Thorny – other things take over
  - Rocky – die under heat
  - Fertile-produce fruit.

### 3. Light (God's Word) Psalms 119:105

- A. Lighting the present — "where do I go today?"
- B. Lighting the future — "where do I go tomorrow?"

### 4. Pruning (God's Refining) John 15:1-5

- A. Pruning is for growth & health.
- B. Pruning makes us healthier and more productive.

### 5. Pesticides (God's Righteousness) Romans 16:19-20

- A. Flying bugs -fly in, do damage, fly out.
- B. Crawling bugs – camp out, slowly eat away.

### 6. Regular Evaluation (Self-Examination) 2 Corinthians 13:5

- A. More water, light, soil?
- B. Any bugs?