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- ^{ERV}**Luke 13:6-9-⁶JESUS TOLD THIS STORY:** "A man had a fig tree. He planted it in his garden. He came looking for some fruit on it, but he found none.⁷He had a servant who took care of his garden. So he said to his servant, 'I have been looking for fruit on this tree for three years, but I never find any. Cut it down! Why should it waste the ground?'⁸But the servant answered, 'Master, let the tree have **one more year TO PRODUCE** fruit. Let me dig up the dirt around it and fertilize it.⁹Maybe **THE TREE** will have fruit on it next year. **IF IT STILL DOES NOT PRODUCE, THEN YOU CAN CUT IT DOWN.'**
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- **Mark 11:12-14-¹²The next day, Jesus was leaving Bethany. He was hungry.¹³He saw a fig tree with leaves. So he went to the tree to see if it had any figs growing on it. But he found no figs on the tree. *There were only leaves, because it was not the right time for figs to grow.*¹⁴So Jesus said to the tree, "People will NEVER eat fruit from you again."**

"The test is not to kill you, the trial is not trap you, the temptation is not there to trick you: It's to See if you have the fruit that proves whether you are a TRUE believer or not."

- **Matt 7:15-16-¹⁵Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.¹⁶BY THEIR FRUIT YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THEM.**
- **Matt 7:17-20-¹⁷Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.¹⁸A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.¹⁹EVERY TREE that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.²⁰THUS, BY THEIR FRUIT YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THEM.**

***"When a tree does not submit itself to the **Laws of Growth**, it is looked at as being in **DIRECT DEFIANCE** to God's decree and God does not take this lightly."**

Gen 3:17-¹⁷Then God said to the man, "I commanded you not to eat from that tree. But you listened to your wife and ate from it. So, **I WILL CURSE the ground BECAUSE of you. You will have to work hard all your life for the food the ground produces.**

Mark 11:20:22-²⁰In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots.²¹Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree **YOU CURSED has withered!"²²"Have faith in God," Jesus answered.**

John 15:5-8-⁵I am the vine, and you are the branches. **If you stay joined to me, and I to you, you will produce plenty of fruit. BUT SEPARATED FROM ME YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING.⁶If you don't stay joined to me, you will be like a branch that has been thrown out and has dried up. All the dead branches like that are gathered up, thrown into the fire and burned.⁷Stay joined together with me, and follow my teachings. If you do this, you can ask for anything you want, and it will be given to you.⁸Show that you are my followers by producing much fruit.**

Gen 1:11-¹¹And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and **THE FRUIT TREE yielding fruit after his kind, **whose seed is in itself**, upon the earth: and it was so.**

Mark 11:13-¹³He saw a fig tree with leaves. So, he went to the tree to see if it had any figs growing on it. But he found no figs on the tree. *There were only leaves, BECAUSE IT WAS NOT THE RIGHT TIME FOR FIGS TO GROW.*

- **2Tim 4:2**-²Preach the word; be prepared **IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON**; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.
 - ^{ERV}**Mark 11:22-24**-²²"Have faith in God," Jesus answered.²³"Truly I tell you, **if anyone SAYS to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' AND does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, HE SHALL HAVE WHATSOEVER HE SAITH.**"²⁴Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.
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- ^{ERV}**Matt 25:24-26**-²⁴"Then the man who had received one (*talent*) bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.²⁵**So I was afraid and went out and hid your (talent) gold in the ground.** See, here is what belongs to you.'²⁶"His master replied, **'YOU WICKED, LAZY SERVANT!** So, you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?

What areas in your life can you see that the law of sowing & reaping is being broken?

- **Gen 1:27-28**-²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.²⁸And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **BE FRUITFUL, AND MULTIPLY,** and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.
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