Matthew 7:15-20

READ

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them."

PRAY

Wonderful Father,

You created us to know you and follow you. However, our sinful nature deceives us and turns us away to that forbidden fruit that catches our eyes.

Lord, we know about that false prophet who may teach and boast about your ways, but not about you. That will even talk about loving others and serving others, but not about loving and serving through you. Or even emphasize discipleship without emphasizing sacrifice that your Son laid down his life for us so that we would do the same for others.

For the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal. 5: 22-23). May we bear this fruit for you.

I love you Lord. Amen.