

Gospel Assurance & Warnings

Recovering the Gospel Series

Lesson #15: “The Outward Evidence of An Inward Reality”

□ Read Chapter **eighteen** and answer the following questions from pages 213-225.

Matthew 7:17-18 “Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. **18** A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.”

1. What does the word ‘fruit’ mean figuratively in **Matthew 7:16**?
2. What is the importance of the word ‘fruits’ in **Matthew 7:20** being in the plural?
3. How has the church adopted a false understanding of the relationship between actions and character?
4. How can the heart of a person become known?
5. What’s wrong with the statement, ‘religion is only a matter of the heart?’
6. How did Jesus use the ‘argument of absurdity’ in **Matthew 7:16** and to what purpose?

7. What are the two reasons that some claim to be Christians but give so little evidence?

8. Why do false converts attack the character of one who probes into the genuineness of their conversion?

9. How can people miss opportunities for their spiritual good?

10. How does the church today decide a conversion has taken place?

11. What's wrong with the thought that we make progress in our sanctification 'if we allow Him to?'

12. What did the author mean that the certainty of our sanctification is based upon our natures?

13. "As it is _____ for the unconverted to _____ a life that is _____ unto God, it is _____ impossible for a Christian to _____ a life of _____ rebellion and fruitlessness before God."

14. Why is being engrafted into Christ so important to our sanctification?