

## A Tree and Its Fruit - Luke 6:43-45

**Topics:** Application, Change, Character, Consistency, Evil, Expectations, Fruit, Goodness, Heart

### Open It

1. What experiences have you had with growing and harvesting fruit?
2. If you could own a fruit orchard, what kinds of fruit would you prefer to grow?
- \* 3. How have you been fooled by someone whose words were contrary to his or her actions?

### Explore It

4. What determines the quality of a fruit? (6:43)
- \* 5. What specific statements did Jesus make about fruit before applying the same truths to people? (6:43-44)
6. In what different but related ways is the word “good” used in these verses? (6:43, 45)
7. What do the tree and fruit symbolize in these words of Jesus? (6:43, 45)
8. What did Jesus say about what people expected when collecting fruit? (6:44)
9. What do “thornbushes” and “briers” represent? (6:44)
- \* 10. What did Jesus describe as the source of good and evil things? (6:45)
11. How did Jesus describe the role of the human heart? (6:45)
- \* 12. How do people ultimately know about the state of our hearts? (6:45)
13. What did Jesus mean by His final statement, “For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks”? (6:45)

### Get It

14. How can a person change his or her heart?
- \* 15. What is it about a person that actually has to change in order for good behavior to be produced?
- \* 16. When was the last time someone helped you examine how your life reflects or doesn't reflect the presence of Christ?
17. What role has Christ played in your life in determining what kind of fruit you produce?
18. How would you describe the things you have been storing up in your heart lately?

### Apply It

19. How can you cultivate the love for God that is in your heart?
- \* 20. What mature believer could you talk with this week to help you store up good things in your heart?