

## BIBLICAL WISDOM #11 - SOUL WINNING

### PROVERBS 11:30

The fruit bearing tree produces more fruit bearing trees. Trees produce more trees who yield more fruit, "after his kind."

#### I. WINNING SOULS

- A. God refers to this action as inherently (WISE)
  - 1. First: Be a possessor of Salvation (2 TIM. 3:15)
  - 2. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word
- B. Takes prayer and dedication but rewarded (PSA. 126:6)
- C. It is NATURAL for a Christian to bear fruit!

#### II. WASTING SEED

- A. We see the pattern in the plant kingdom (GEN. 1:11-12)
  - 1. Seeds produce ONLY "after their kind"
  - 2. Cannot plant carrots and get cucumbers
- B. The Gospel is likened to seed sown MATT. 13:3-9
  - 1. Many get hung up on "who's saved" (ground type)
  - 2. Focus instead on the Sower. Sowers sow.
  - 3. The only seed WASTED is the seed not sown!

#### III. WISE SERVANTS

- A. Tend the field when they have the chance (1 COR. 3:6)
  - 1. Plant the seed - first conversation
  - 2. Water the seed - later conversations
  - 3. The increase - God is ALWAYS working (JOHN 5:17)
- B. Many fields are already sown and waiting (JOHN 4:35)
  - 1. Attend to God's timing, His Holy Spirit LEADING
  - 2. You cannot be "saved for them" (ECC. 3:2)
    - a. Don't goad, the Holy Spirit must draw them
    - b. Don't be fatalistic ("what happens happens")
  - 3. Farms (early harvest rot / late harvest falls)
- C. Branches bear fruit attached to the vine JOHN 15:5

#### IV. WORTHY STRUGGLE

- A. Salvation is the doorway to the Kingdom MATT. 25:14-30
  - 1. Outer darkness refers to loss / unprofitable
  - 2. Wisdom is likened to "light" (not darkness)
  - 3. NOT a loss of Salvation but a loss of REWARD
- B. Remember the unfruitful fig tree! MATT. 21:19
- C. Remember the FRUITFUL tree by the water PSA. 1:3
  - 1. Be a wellspring of living water (JOHN 7:38)

WISE (Webster's 1828) - "Having the power of discerning and judging correctly, or of discriminating between what is true and what is false; between what is fit and proper, and what is improper; as a wise prince; a wise magistrate."

2 TIM. 3:15 - "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

PSA. 126:6 - "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

GEN. 1:11-12 - "And 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. (12) And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good."

1 COR. 3:6 - "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."

JOHN 5:17 - "But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."

JOHN 4:35 - "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

ECC. 3:2 - "A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;"

JOHN 7:38 - "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."