
KINGDOM
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6 And He told this parable: “A man had a fig tree
planted in his vineyard, & he came seeking fruit
on it & found none.

7 And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three
years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig
tree, & I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use
up the ground?’

8 And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year
also, until I dig around it & put on manure.

9 Then if it should bear fruit next year, well & good;
but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Luke 13:6-9

The Expectation of Fruit (v. 6)

God expects His people to bear fruit

- INTENTIONAL: The owner planted a fig tree in his vineyard
- EXPECTATIONAL: He came looking for fruit & found none
- CAREFUL: The tree had been given every opportunity to grow, yet it wasn't fulfilling its purpose

Kingdom Focus: Being planted in the right place doesn't guarantee a changed heart. Being around the things of God is not the same as being transformed by God.

The Mercy of More Time (v. 7–8)

God's patience gives opportunity for repentance

- The owner had looked for fruit for three years
- The tree had repeatedly failed to produce
- The gardener asks for another year to cultivate
- He offers to dig around it & fertilize it

~~~ The gardener doesn't deny the tree's condition. He recognizes its fruitlessness but asks for more time! ~~~

Kingdom Focus: Don't mistake God's patience for permission to remain unchanged. His mercy gives us an opportunity to repent & grow.
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The Reality of Judgment (v. 9)

The opportunity to bear fruit will not last forever

- The gardener agrees to give the tree additional time
- The tree will be examined again
- If it remains fruitless, it will be cut down

~~~ God's patience is real, but so is His judgment. The opportunity to repent should never be taken lightly ~~~

Kingdom Focus: Don't waste the time God has given you. Respond to His grace with genuine repentance & a transformed life.
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HOW DO I DO THIS?

Before YOU LOOK OUTSIDE ... YOU LOOK INSIDE!

- **Am I bearing fruit?** Is my life showing evidence of genuine transformation?
- **Am I responding to God's patience?** Am I allowing His grace to change me?
- **Am I taking repentance seriously?** Am I responding to God today?

Don't just take up space in the vineyard... Bear fruit.

