



## MATTHEW 7:15-20

“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.”



## JAMES 3:10-12

“Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.”



## MATTHEW 12:33-35

“Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.”



# THE WORK THAT GOD REQUIRES: FROM ROOT TO FRUIT

Galatians 5:16-26



VSS. 16-18

See also

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Romans 8:1-11

For more on the ongoing war, see Rom. 7:14-24

For our Hope, see Rom. 7:25

## THE SINFUL NATURE VSS. 19-21

Not a comprehensive list, btw. For more on this, see Romans 1:24-32, 1 Cor. 6:9-10, 2 Tim. 3:1-5

“Those who live like this...” or “practice such things” –  
Continual, habitual action



“will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Are these sins unpardonable?

No. See Psalm 51; 1 John 1:9

But making a life of them gives clear evidence of a heart that has never been made new.

Sinful lifestyles should be troubling...





VSS. 22-23

The evidence of a heart that is under the control of the Holy Spirit is this...

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness,  
Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control

And similarly, “in increasing measure” (2 Pet. 1:5-9)





VSS. 24-26

See also Romans 6:1-14 and Colossians 3:1-17

We must guard our hearts against conceit and envy,  
remembering this instruction:

“Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”

2 Cor. 10:17 (Jer. 9:23-24)