



Fruit and Firmness

Luke 6:43-49

Something to Start Us Off

- Try to remember a time when you saw something fail, but then realized that the failure was due to poor planning or unwise activity from the beginning.

Something to Notice

- Think of the process of a tree bearing fruit. What lessons can we learn from that?
- Where does Jesus say that good words/good works ultimately come from (v.45)?
- When the stream rose up into a flood in Jesus' comparison, which of the houses did it break against – one, the other or both?

Something to Understand

For some additional insight from passages related to this section, read the following: Psalm 1:1-3, Colossians 1:9-10, James 1:22-24, James 3:17 and Matthew 7:15-23.

- In what ways do these additional passages shed light on our passage from Luke?
- What do you think is necessary to cultivate the good heart Jesus speaks of in v.45?
- How would you state Jesus's complaint in v.46 in your own words?
- Why do you think it is often so hard for us to turn our hearing of the Word into real-life obedience to it?

Something to Take Home

- What would be one example of something you can do this week that would ensure your life is bearing good fruit?
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 6:43-49 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?