

Study Guide

Sunday April 18, 2021

“Choosing the Good”

1. Matthew 7:17-20

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.

2. Points to Remember

- A. Once we know good from evil we all have a choice to make.
- B. The Holy Spirit helps us to overcome our flesh and choose goodness.
- C. Every choice prepares us for when we will face the test.
- D. Every test of integrity shapes the person we are becoming.
- E. God is not looking for perfect people, just people He can use.
- F. Goodness bears fruit in our lives one simple choice at a time.

3. Bible Verses

Matthew 12:35-36	Everyone will have to give account
Romans 7:18-19	For I do not do the good I want
Hebrews 5:14	Trained themselves to distinguish good from evil
Colossians 1:10	Live a life worthy of the Lord
Galatians 6:9	Let us not become weary in doing good

4. Discussion Questions

- A. What do you think the “age of accountability” is?
- B. How much free-will do we have in choosing good over evil?
- C. When is the last time your integrity was tested?
- D. How does the Holy Spirit help us with our daily choices?