



Today's Message

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Two Ways to Live*

Text: Luke 6:43–49 (ESV)

⁴³ “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, ⁴⁴ for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵ The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

⁴⁶ “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?

⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

Introduction: In today's sermon text, Jesus concludes his famous Sermon on the Mount. He finishes the message with two illustrations that take us back to the way he introduced the sermon:

Today's take-home truth: There are only two kinds of people and they face two different destinies; the difference is Jesus.

I. An agricultural illustration: There are only two kinds of people . . . 43-45

A. A tree's fruit is always consistent with its root. 43-44

1. Good and bad fruit do not come from the same root. 43
 2. The value of the fruit reveals the condition of the root. 44a
 3. Unacceptable roots cannot produce acceptable fruit. 44b
- B. In the same way, people display their internal condition through their external behavior. 45
1. Some people are good and some are evil.
 2. The difference between the two is a matter of the heart.

II. An architectural illustration: And they face two different destinies. 46-49

- A. Commitment to Jesus makes the difference. 46-47a
1. A relationship with Jesus is not a matter of mere words. 46
 2. A relationship with Jesus is a matter of the heart. 47a
- B. How you respond to Jesus will determine your destiny. 47b-49
1. Those who follow him have a strong foundation and live. 48
 2. Those who refuse to follow him have no foundation at all and perish. 49