



1. Expect _____ (v.6)

Luke 13:6 And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.

7 And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and 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 and put on manure. **9** Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"
(ESV)

2. See _____ (v.7)

3. Be _____ (vv.8-9)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **2 Corinthians 7:10**. Describe the kind of sorrow in response to one's own sin that does not produce genuine repentance and salvation. What motivates the kind of sorrow that fails to produce biblical repentance?
2. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17, 15**. Why is every person's conversion to Christ radical and dramatic, even if there is not a sordid testimony of pre-Christian exploits.
3. Read **2 Peter 2:17-22** and **Hebrews 6:7-9**. Why is it so much worse for the unrepentant to have experienced the benefits of biblical teaching and an association with God's people, than for those who haven't?
4. Read **Acts 26:19-20**. What are some of the deeds you see in your life that are in keeping with your repentance?
5. Read **Psalms 32**. What aspects of this "song of a repentant man" lead you to be grateful for God's patience?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

May 1st

1Kgs. 1-2 & Lk. 22:54-71

May 2nd

1Kgs. 3-5 & Lk. 23:1-26

May 3rd

1Kgs. 6-7 & Lk. 23:27-38

May 4th

1Kgs. 8-9 & Lk. 23:39-56

May 5th

1Kgs. 10-11 & Lk. 24:1-35

May 6th

1Kgs. 12-13 & Lk. 24:36-53

May 7th

1Kgs. 14-15 & Jn. 1:1-28

May 8th

1Kgs. 16-18 & Jn. 1:29-51

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

- Msg. 14-22 – **The Hard Work of Fruitful Hearing**
- Msg. 14-06 – **The Importance of Admitting the Obvious**
- Msg. 15-32 – **The Fear of Being Fake**
- Msg. 12-12 – **Real Change from the Inside Out**
- Msg. 09-19 – **Making Sense of Abraham's Faith & Works**
- Msg. 10-30 – **Modern Israel & Our Jewish Messiah**
- Msg. 10-31 – **Looking to the End as a Humble Gentile**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Alcorn, Randy C. **The Purity Principle: God's Safeguards for Life's Dangerous Roads**. Multnomah Books, 2003.
- Guinness, Os. **God in the Dark: The Assurance of Faith Beyond a Shadow of Doubt**. Crossway Books, 1996.
- Lawson, Steven L. **Absolutely Sure: Settle the Question of Eternal Life**. Multnomah, 1999.
- Lloyd-Jones, Martyn. **Assurance of Our Salvation: Studies in John 17**. Crossway Books, 2000.
- Love, Christopher. **The Mortified Christian**. Reprint. Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 1998.
- MacArthur, John. **Faith Works: The Gospel According to the Apostles**. Zondervan, 1994.
- Needham, David. **Alive for the First Time: A Fresh Look at the New Birth Miracle**. Multnomah Press, 1995.
- Packer, J. I. **A Quest for Godliness**. Crossway Books, 1994.
- _____. **Knowing God**. InterVarsity Press, 1973.
- Pettegrew, Larry D. **The New Covenant Ministry of the Holy Spirit**. Kregel, 2001.
- Spurgeon, Charles. **A Passion for Holiness in a Believer's Life**. YWAM Publishing, 1996.
- Stott, John R. W. **Your Mind Matters**. InterVarsity, 1972.
- Thomas, Derek W. H. and R. Carlton Wynne, eds. **Zeal for Godliness: Devotional Meditations**. EP Books, 2012.
- Tozer, A. W. **The Pursuit of God**. Reprint. Christian Publications, 1982.
- Whitney, Donald. **How Can I Be Sure I'm a Christian? What the Bible Says About Assurance**. NavPress, 1994.