



## **The Warnings of Jesus**

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### **Squeeze the Fruit**

#### **Matthew 7:13-23 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

<sup>14</sup> But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

<sup>15</sup> "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

<sup>16</sup> By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

<sup>17</sup> Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

<sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.

<sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>20</sup> Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

<sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

<sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?'

<sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

#### **Psalms 26:2 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> Test me, O LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind;

Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV)

<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

<sup>24</sup> See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

We are not to judge people but we should learn to discern fruit.

We cannot judge another's heart but we can ask God and others to help us determine our own heart.

The benefits?

1. Eternity and life
2. Discern the influence you receive
3. Discern the influence you offer

1 Corinthians 11:23-32 (NIV)

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,

<sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

<sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

<sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup> Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

<sup>28</sup> A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.

<sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

<sup>30</sup> That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.

<sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.

<sup>32</sup> When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.