

## **SOLID EVIDENCE THAT YOU ARE A TRUE DISCIPLE OF JESUS**

November 22, 2020 Matthew 7:15-23

**Stewardship flows out of a relationship with Jesus and the result is that we are fruitful. “By their fruit you will recognize them (Matthew 7:16,20).” “A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit (7:18).”**

### **1. Do you have a relationship with Jesus? The will of the Father (7:21).**

- Jesus is the door, the gate, the only way to heaven! John 10:7-8, 14:6 It is God’s will for you to know Jesus! John 3:16
- Wouldn’t it be sad to be told by Jesus, “I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!” Matthew 7:23
- If you know Jesus you are a good tree and you will bear good fruit.
- The context is recognizing false prophets who are like ferocious wolves.
- You recognize them by their bad fruit.

### **2. What is the fruit?**

- How would you recognize a false prophet? Above all else by their words.
- **Good words=good fruit.** Luke 6:45, Matthew 12:33-37
- What can you do? James 1:19 “Be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to become angry.” James 1:22, James 3:8 Ask God to help you.
- **Good actions=good fruit.** Galatians 5:22-23
- You stay in touch with God by reading His word and prayer.
- You ask God, “Make me a servant, humble and meek...”
- The bottom line is obedience. Ask, “God, what do you want me to do?”
- YouTube clip “Clean Your Room” by Francis Chan!