

Parable of the Fig Tree

1. Have you ever asked the question “WHY” after some terrible event? What answer did you get?

2. Does God use tragedy and suffering to punish us for our sins?

3. There is a “spiritual side” to our humanity and a “physical side” to our humanity. Which side gets the most attention from you? What would you need to do to have a more balanced approach?

4. As you listen to Jesus’ Parable of the Fig Tree and try to apply it to your own life, do you hear it as:
 - a. A THREAT (“Repent or Perish”—“Turn or Burn”)
 - b. AN INVITATION (Jesus invites to repent, be forgiven and change your life)
 - c. HOPE (No matter how bad life gets, Jesus can make it beautiful)
 - d. JUDGMENT (Time is running out)

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” --Galatians 5:22-23

5. Paul lists the nine “fruits of the Spirit” in Galatians 5. Which of the fruits of the Spirit seem to be abundant in your life right now? Which fruits of the Spirit need some more cultivation?

6. “REPENT” means “CHANGE.” What do you need to change in your life in order to become more “fruitful?”

Jesus said, “You did not choose me, but I chose you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.” --John 15:16