

You shall know them by their fruits Cont.....

So let me continue on now with the saying “You shall know them by their fruit and not their suit”. I really got no idea what that Pastor was saying as he now lives a very different life, but I have always remembered it, bikers have never really been accepted in the church circles much over the years, but it seems many Christian bikers have done heaps of work in areas where your normal church goer wouldn't dare to tread! So what does Jesus say about fruit? Lets look at some verses, I love looking at anything that Jesus said! Take a look at **Matthew 7v17-19**. Jesus talks about good and evil fruit, the responses and consequences. Actually if you read the whole of **Matthew 7** you will get an even better look at what he is talking about, true Christians and false Christians.

Matthew 12v33-36 talks about how a tree is known by its fruit. That out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. What comes out of your mouth? I know God has pulled me up lately, not only by what I have said but my actions and even the clothes I wear as well at times, I wear various clothes for various reasons. **Matthew 21v19** is often spoken about but I don't think I have heard it in this context, will your life have any fruit, good or bad? If not, be careful because it just may wither away just like the fig tree. It is a bit like the previous verses of **Matthew 7** Jesus said that he who is not for me is against me, we can only be one or the other, if you are not “for” Jesus then you are against him! If you look at **Mark chapter 4**, you will see that some fruit produces a crop and some doesn't, it is not up to us if a crop is produced by our fruit, it is up to the individual. This verse actually talks about the word of God, as long as we are sharing God's love with people, then it is up to them what they do with it, sometimes it may produce a harvest in their lives and sometimes it may not. That is not our problem.

Read **mark 12v1-12. especially verse 12. Also V10** says And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner: Have you felt rejected lately, I have. I have looked back over my Christian walk and wondered why the church in general can not or will not accept bikers for who they are, I only ever found one church and that was the full Gospel church I first went to as a young Christian. Recently I met up with a girl I knew as a kid in the kids homes, we had not seen each other for 30 odd years and lo and behold she lives 5 minutes away from me, we have become good friends again.

I was talking to my friend Sue the other day, I said to her, “am I a nut? It feels like I am the only one who thinks the way I do, why can't people just get along? I feel like an alien!” She just pointed to a picture of Jesus on the wall of her home and said “Yeah I think he felt like that too”. She was basically treated like a dog by the welfare system as a kid and teenager, she had to literally escape to save her own life, the system at the time was run by a church group, yet even though she was treated that way, she holds Jesus the son of God in the highest regards, but like me she hates “The system”. That is something to think about though, how was Jesus treated, how would he have felt when his best mate Peter denied knowing him 3 times, and all the rest of his “Best Mates” ran off when hard times came.

Read **John 4v35-39**. Here Jesus shows us that do not look at the outcomes that we see, we may be sowing, watering or reaping. The end result was that the samaritan woman went and gathered together the city telling them about Jesus because he took time for her and shared with her. **John 12v24** shows me that, yes we will feel a bit dead at times, it is necessary, but also **John 15v4** tells us we need to spend time with Jesus if we want fruit in our lives, an area I have lacked in lately, how about you?