

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree



Read Luke 13 v 6-9.

As we know from previous parables, Jesus intends us to understand His parables as a picture of our own life.



1) Who do you think the owner of the vineyard represents?

2) What did the owner want the fig tree to produce?

The tree represents our lives. So this is saying God looks for fruit in our lives. Left to ourselves we fail to have the right sort of fruit, or we bear no fruit at all for our Owner. 'Good' fruit could be loving God, serving Him, giving our life to Him, being kind to others, spreading the Gospel etc.

3) When you think about all that the Lord has provided for us, do you think He is right to expect us to bear 'good' fruit?



4) Who do you think the keeper of the vineyard is meant to represent?

(Someone who is willing to go to great lengths to save the 'tree')

5) What has the Lord Jesus done to save His people?

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The only way to bear fruit is explained in another word-picture given in John 15 v 1-8. Look it up now.

6) What plant is being used here to explain about bearing useful fruit?

Take a look at **verses 4-5**. 7) Who do we need in our lives to live as God wants us to?

8) What have you learned from this parable?

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What sort of fruit do you bear?

The Apostle Paul gives us a list of fruit of the Holy Spirit in *Galatians 5 v 22-23*. Look it up and write the name of one in each of the fig shapes below.



If you are a Christian, you should show these fruits in your life. Ask God to help you do so more and more.