

Luke Parables: The Barren Fig Tree

“Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” Luke 13:9, English Standard Version

Does God look for an ROI – a _____ on His _____?

Luke 13: The Parable Of The Barren Fig Tree And Its Context

- A. 13:5 – Jesus had just warned that unless we _____ we will all likewise _____.
- B. The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree:
1. 13:6 – He came looking for _____ and found _____.
 2. Micah 7:1 – The images of _____ vines and _____ trees often point to _____ in the Old Testament.
 3. 13:7 – After _____ years he order the tree to be _____.
 4. 13:8,9 – Give it another _____; I will _____ around it and put _____ on it. This was a “_____” period.
- C. 13:14-17 – The ruler was seriously lacking in _____ for the woman who had suffered for _____ years.

Applications Of Jesus’ Parable

A. *Am I bearing fruit for the Lord?*

1. John 15:1,2 – The _____ are expected to bear _____.
2. Galatians 5:22,23 – Here is a list of fruit that _____ are to bear with the help of the _____.

B. *What can be done to increase fruitfulness?*

1. Matthew 13:19 - _____ ground doesn’t promote growth.
2. Ezekiel 11:19,20 – The Lord can _____ a heart of _____ and replace it with a _____ of flesh.
3. Psalm 51:17 – God looks for a _____ and _____ spirit.

C. *Our opportunities to repent are limited:*

1. Luke 12:20,21 – Do we _____ up _____ for ourselves and are not _____ toward _____?
2. Hebrews 3:13 - _____ the time to bear fruit. Otherwise we will be _____ by the _____ of sin.

The problem of bearing no fruit is not with God’s _____, but of my _____.

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