

Drive For Show, Putt For Dough

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¹⁵ “Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. ¹⁶ You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree can’t produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can’t produce good fruit.



Matthew 7:13-23

¹⁹ So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.

²¹ “Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. ²² On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ ²³ But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’





Religion is "good form."

Spirituality is good content





If you want to have a relationship with God, you have to go beneath the surface of religion and experience a heart-changing spirituality.



Look For It

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Look For It

Luke 9:12

Late in the afternoon the twelve disciples came to him and said, “Send the crowds away to the nearby villages and farms, so they can find food and lodging for the night. There is nothing to eat here in this remote place.”



Look For It

Matthew 20:6

About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'



Look For It

Seeking and finding are closely related.



Look For It

Matthew 7:7-8

Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.



Look For It

Deuteronomy 4:29

But from there you will search again for the LORD your God. And if you search for him with all your heart and soul, you will find him.



Look For It

The easy way is to merely pretend to be religious; the narrow way to seek to become spiritual.



Examine Your Fruit

Matthew 7:15-18

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Examine Your Fruit

Matthew 7:20

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Examine Your Fruit

Galatians 5:22-23

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!



Examine Your Fruit

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith.



Examine Your Fruit

Examining the fruit of your life can be painful, but it's also rewarding. It's the only way to ensure you spend your life developing substance, rather than perfecting your image.



Get To Know Him

Matthew 7:21-23

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Get To Know Him

Only those who actually do the will of my Father

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I never knew you



Get To Know Him

That's the relationship Jesus wants to have with you. He wants to know you personally, and for you to know him personally.



Be one of the few who look for it.

***Examine your life and ask him to
take away everything that isn't like
him.***

***Get to know him and strive to do his
will.***

