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Do We Need to Go Back to School? (1)

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Young people face an onslaught of immorality in public school, the likes of which previous generations could not have imagined. The language and frank sexual talk that they hear all day would probably shock older people to their core. We need to strengthen and encourage them every day to remain strong and godly.

We must remember that we cannot allow the world to control how we live. We are to have “no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness” (Ephesians 5:11, NKJV). Our God is consummate goodness. “God is light and in Him is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5). We cannot be duplicitous and try to walk with Satan and Christ at the same time. We must remain in the light and be relentlessly pure and sanctified (1 John 1:6-7). Satan offers only death and destruction and cannot be trusted (John 8:44). Yet, most of the world follows him (Matthew 7:13-14).

Since most of the world follows Satan in darkness, we cannot emulate them. In their

world of shadows, they call evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20). We cannot follow them to hell.

Young people sometimes try to please everyone. They will try to be good in front of their parents and fellow Christians, and a completely different person in front of the world.

They may impress Christians with their faith and yet their language and behavior away from them, tells a very different story. They may be a leader at their congregation and have an internet page filled with profanity and sexual innuendo. They may stumble over the prayer at the Lord’s table because their hangover is so bad that they can barely think.

God wants all of our lives, not part of them and he is always watching. He is not playing with us, either. He is very serious (Luke 13:3-5).

Scripture brims with stories that are applicable to this theme. . .

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Sunday Schedule

Bible Classes	10 AM
Worship	11 AM
Worship	6 PM

Wednesday: Bible Classes **7 PM**

Mission Works and Evangelism:

House to House/ Heart to Heart
 Restoration Radio
 Jim Waldron
 Manuelito Children’s Home



Bible Search

by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of August 16

Wax Questions

Find two meanings of "wax" in the Bible, then answer these:

1. What waxes hot?
2. What waxes cold?
3. What waxes warm?
4. Who waxed old?
5. What waxes old?
6. What sometimes waxes pale?
7. What waxed dim?

Answers for week of August 9

Fruity Questions

1. Where are children referred to as fruit from the mother?

Answers: Psalm 127:3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Luke 1:42 "And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed [art] thou among women, and blessed [is] the fruit of thy womb." Elizabeth speaking specifically of Mary with Jesus in her womb.

Isaiah 13:18 Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

Lamentations 2:20 Behold, O LORD, and consider to whom thou hast done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, and children of a span long? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?

Psa 128:3 Thy wife [shall be] as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table

Ex 21:22 - If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine.

Eze. 19:10-12

2. What is the connection between fruit and an instrument for felling trees?

Answers :

Matthew 3:10 - And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Also Luke 3:9

2. Axe not to cut down fruit trees when a city is being besieged.

Deuteronomy 20:19 When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an axe against them: for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down (for the tree of the field is man's life) to employ them in the siege: 20 Only the trees which thou knowest that they be not trees for meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee, until it be subdued.

3. Prove that fruit of the vine specifically refers to the grape. (Not watermelon, strawberry, tomato, etc.)

Answer: This passage relates to the Nazarite vow, but its specifics clearly connect the "vine tree" to the products. . .grapes moist or dried or in liquid form. It seems that no other fruit is ever called fruit of the vine, though there are many kinds of fruits that grow on vines.

Num 6:1-4 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall separate themselves to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate themselves unto the LORD: 3 He shall separate himself from **wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.** 4 All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the **vine tree, from the kernels even to the husk.**

Genesis 40:10 - And in **the vine** were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe **grapes:**

4. How is a change of attitude toward sin connected with "fruit"?

Answer: We are to bear 'fruits' worthy of repentance - i.e. if we have truly changed our attitude towards sin it should be seen in our lives and in what our lives produce.

Romans 6:21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed ? for the end of those things is death. 22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Matthew 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: Also Luke 3:8

5. Where is Christian character described as fruit?

Answer: Gal 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

Eph 5:9-11 - "(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) 10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

Philippians 1:11 - Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Romans 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Colossians 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

John 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Rom 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God

6. Where is fruit used in regard to sinful life?

Answer:

Rom 6:22 - But now being made free from **sin**, and become servants to God, ye have your **fruit** unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. . . 7:5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth **fruit** unto death.

Luke 8:14 - And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of [this] life, and bring **no fruit to perfection**.

Matthew 7: 15 - Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth **evil fruit**.

Hosea 10:13 - Plowed wickedness, reaped iniquity, **eaten fruit of lies**.

Proverbs 10:16 - The labour of the righteous tendeth to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.

Jeremiah 6:19 - Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

Jeremiah 21:14 - But I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it.

7. What is the source of the fruits of righteousness?

Answers:

1. Christ: Phil. 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; 10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; 11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

2. Peacemakers - James 3:18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

3. Chastening - Heb 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

8. Where is fruit used to describe the reward of manual labor (working with the hands)?

1. Read all of Proverbs 31:10-31, in particular verses 16 and 31.

31:16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. 31:31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

2. Deut 30:9 - And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:

3. 2 Timothy 2:6 - The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

(A similar idea) Proverbs 12:14 - A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

Attendance and Contribution

Mo	Wk	BS	MW	EW	Wed	Cont
Aug	9	6	24	23	13	\$430
Aug	2	12	24	11	6	\$541
July	26*	15	40	60	42	\$954
July	19	15	24	24	13	\$729

Beech Grove News, Prayer Requests

Remember Laura Singleton, Joe Nichols and Anna Curl in prayer as they continue their ongoing battle with physical problems.

Military: Andy Miller family in Japan; Adam Thomas at Camp LeJeune.

James Mason had an endoscopy Wednesday, but did not have results back at the time of this printing. Charlene Brandon was to have tests this week. Steve Miller has been very sick with symptoms of pneumonia.

Back to School (Cont.)

Peter embodied a type of duplicitous Christian when he tried to have it both ways in Galatians 2:11-16. He wanted to be friends with the Gentiles when the Jews were not around and ignore them when the Jews were in sight. Paul rebuked him for his sin.

Joseph faced powerful sexual temptation when Potiphar's wife tried to seduce him (Genesis 39:7-12). She wanted sex and Joseph pulled away and ran. This story matches today's dilemma so well. Because Joseph did what was right, he suffered by being imprisoned. Yet, God was with him and his righteousness brought blessings to his life (Genesis 41:37-45).

Joshua said that he did not care what anyone else did, he and his family would

remain true to God (Joshua 24:15). We all need this type resolve.

Christians in Corinth had lived sinful lives as pagans immersing themselves in their depraved culture. Yet, through Christ, they had overcome the peer pressure and aspired to righteousness (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). They were encouraged to stand firm against the tide of filth washing against them. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). " 'Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you,' says the LORD." (Jeremiah 1:8). We cannot allow our fear of the eyes of the world to lead us to debauchery.

Sin consumes us and leads us around on a collar, if we will allow it. Peer pressure never ends and it may be more difficult to overcome than anything we have ever encountered.

When we stand against the mocking laughter, we may find a foe more fearsome than anything we may face as teenagers. We all want approval but God's love matters far more than anything sinful man has to offer! (Matthew 25:23).

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Assignments	August 16	August 23
Song leader (SS)	Wayne Gannon	Wayne Gannon
Announcements	Junior Conner	Junior Conner
Songleader-Worship	Tim Waldron	Tim Waldron
Scripture reading	Daniel Green	T J Waldron
Opening prayer	James Mason	Ken Thomas
Table service (center)	Joe Green	Joe Green
(center)	Junior Conner	T J Waldron
(outside)	T J Waldron	Junior Conner
(outside)	Daniel Green	Daniel Green
Closing Prayer	Lee Rose	James Mason
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner</i>		

