

A TREE & ITS FRUIT

MATTHEW 12:33-37

When the heart full of God's love can draw on the mind full of God's word, timely blessings flow from the mouth.

-John Piper

I. The Picture

II. The Principle

III. The Point

Getting to Know You:

1. What is the strangest word in your vocabulary?

Into the Bible:

- 2 How do verses 36-37 continue the warning Jesus gave earlier in verses 30-32? Do our words matter as much as our actions?

Application:

3. Read James 3:8-12. This is a passage that obviously parallels Christ's teaching here in Matthew 12. What should the "overflow of our hearts" produce according to Paul in his letters? Ephesians 4:29, 5:4; Colossians 4:6. Does our daily conversation give evidence of these characteristics?

For Families:

4. Talk with your children about the importance of how we talk to each other. If necessary, ask for forgiveness for any harsh words spoken recently.