



Sunday Worship 3-13-22
Sermon Series: NEXT—2

A series based on the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus gave and His examples of choices we have to make in our lives.

Scripture Text:

Matthew 7:15-20

(Jesus teaching) 15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

JESUS TELLS US TO BEWARE OF PEOPLE WHO:

1. Loves _____ and uses it to their _____.

a. 1 Peter 5:8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

b. Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

JESUS TELLS US TO BEWARE OF PEOPLE WHO:

2. Love to _____ you and _____ the situation.

a. John 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

b. 2 Corinthians 11:14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

JESUS TELLS US TO BEWARE OF PEOPLE WHO:

3. Lack the _____ of the _____.

a. Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

JESUS GAVE US A CHOICE:

1. Know the _____ so you will spot the _____.

a. Mark 4:19 but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

b. Matthew 7:16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?

c. Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control.

d. Matthew 7:17-18 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

e. Philippians 1:9-11 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

JESUS GAVE US A CHOICE:

2. Know you must be on guard against people who _____ the _____.

a. Matthew 7:15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

b. Luke 4:9-12 Then he (devil) brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. 10 For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,' 11 and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" 12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.' "

JESUS GAVE US A CHOICE:

3. Know the Holy Spirit will _____ you and His _____ will warn you.

a. John 16:13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

b. 1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

c. 1 John 1:6-7 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

d. 1 Corinthians 16:13 Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong.

JESUS GAVE US A CHOICE:

4. Know the good tree is the _____ of _____.

a. 1 Peter 2:24-25 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness-by whose stripes you were healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

b. Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

Conclusion:

What choices are shaping the narrative of your life?

Reflection:

What is NEXT for you?