



HE IS THE VINE • Part 6

## The Fruit of Peace

### James 3:17-18

**James 3:13, 17-18**

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? **Let them show it by their good life**, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. - - -

## Your Heart Is a Storehouse

**James 3:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> **But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.** <sup>15</sup> Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. <sup>16</sup> For where

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**Luke 6:44-45**

<sup>44</sup> **Each tree is recognized by its own fruit.** People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. <sup>45</sup> A good man brings **good things out of the good stored up in his heart**, and an evil man brings **evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart**. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

**Proverbs 4:23**

<sup>23</sup> Above all else, guard your heart, for **everything you do flows from it**.

**What’s in Your Heart? The content of your heart determines the life you live. The peace of Christ must shape your heart if it is to shape your life.**

## Your Heart Is a Field

**James 3:17-18**

<sup>17</sup> But **the wisdom that comes from heaven** is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> **Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.**

**Hosea 10:12-13**

<sup>12</sup> Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and **break up your unplowed ground**; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you. <sup>13</sup> But **you have planted wickedness, you have reaped evil, you have eaten the fruit of deception**. Because you have depended on your own strength...

**Galatians 6:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. **You reap what you sow.** <sup>8</sup> Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

**What are You Sowing? Are you sowing peace or destruction?  
Are you a peacemaker or a strife-maker?  
Do you sow selfishly or do you sow to please the Spirit?**

## Your Heart: Is It Fertile Soil?

**Matthew 13:15**

<sup>15</sup> For **this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes**. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.’

**Matthew 13:15**

<sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, **the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart**.

**Matthew 13** – Roots over Trouble, Hardship, Worries, Life Distractions, Money Concerns

**Is your heart a place where the peace of God is growing?**

**Colossians 3:13-15**

<sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup> **Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.** And be thankful.