

LETTER TO LEADERS

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FLOWERING TREES

Because we have not been partakers of the fruit in the body of Christ, we have ended up flowering trees. The purpose of the flower on a tree is to begin to produce fruit. Cherry tree blossoms produce cherries. Apple blossoms produce apples. In Texas where we live, flowering pear trees are popular. They bare a beautiful white blossom in the spring, but they never produce pears. They are called Pear trees but they never produce Pears. They are deceivers.

FLOWERING CHRISTIANS

Like the flowering trees that never produce fruit, many Christians are only “flowering” Christians that produce no fruit (of the Spirit). Or rather, never allow the Holy Spirit to bare fruit in them.

WHY FRUITLESS?

Over the years I have asked myself, “Why do I not have more fruit of the Spirit?” “Why is there not greater fruit of the Spirit in God’s church?” I do not have all of the answers, but some things are obvious:

1. Traditional Christianity denies the active work of the Holy Spirit today, by denying the operations of the Holy Spirit (especially the gift of tongues).
2. Popular understanding tells us it is not necessary to have fruit of the Spirit in order to have favor with God? This is true. Favor with God comes by faith in the Cross of Christ. Still we need to understand that the work of the Holy Spirit is to produce the fruit of the Spirit in our soul.
3. Leaders have not taught the church the need for the fruit of the Holy Spirit to become happy Christians. We are directed to the written Word of God, the Holy Bible, to find psychological satisfaction. Disciplined people make it work, but Christ died even for those who are not disciplined.
4. We are too casual about the Fruit of the Spirit because we live in a world where the “Old man”, the flesh, is comfortable. Only when pressure comes will we seek God. God does not send the pressure. He does not have to. Pressure comes to us because we have not been as close to God as we could be. We are comfortable with our life as it is.
5. We do not understand that Christ went to the cross to deal with sin AND the works of the flesh. We accept His work of redemption from sin through the “New Birth.” But we are deceived to think the self-righteous flesh is a suitable substitute for the Lordship of the Holy Spirit in our lives. There we walk by the strength of our flesh, out of knowledge of the Bible. Therefore we do not submit ourselves to the Holy Spirit’s power to bring the word to pass in

our lives. We are satisfied with the “tree of knowledge” rather than the “tree of life.”

ESSENTIAL HOLY SPIRIT

Without the Holy Spirit producing “fruit of the Spirit” in our soul realm, we will never be more than flowering pear trees that look good but do not “reproduce after their own kind.” But as we allow the Holy Spirit to produce the fruit of the Spirit on our soul, we as “pear trees” will not just flower, but bare fruit as well. He will reproduce other “fruit bearing” trees through us. He will make us look better than we really are.

EAT AND BE HAPPY

Eat of the fruit of the Spirit. Eat of the tree of life. Eat and be happy. (Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good).

In His Love,

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