

Spiritual Barrenness Judged

Matthew 21:18-22

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There is danger in spiritual _____ that is not matched with spiritual _____. Hypocrisy is an age-old _____. It is so subtle that it _____ goes unnoticed by the person or group exhibiting it, but tuning in to the _____ of Jesus will bring it to light so it can be properly dealt with.

A. Background of the Parable

1. The _____ of Jesus
 - a. The last _____ of the physical life of the Savior
 - b. His teaching was largely _____ of Israel.
 - c. His actions demonstrated complete and _____ authority.
2. The _____ of Jesus into Jerusalem
 - a. On the Sabbath Day – entered the temple and _____
 - b. On Sunday – _____ the Temple
 - c. On Monday – day of _____ with the rulers

B. The Fig Tree

1. A _____ tree
 - a. In the _____ (by the wayside)
 - b. Stood _____
2. One species produces fruit _____ the leaves.
 - a. _____ from other fig trees
 - b. Made a _____ of fruit early

C. Lessons to Apply

1. Israel as a _____
 - a. Had many blessings and _____ from God over the centuries
 - b. Had countless _____ to be a blessing
 - c. _____ Jehovah numerous times
 - d. Had no _____ faith in God.
 - e. Did not see the importance of a _____ over religion
2. Judgment on _____ barrenness
 - a. The disciples were not _____ at the curse, but the _____ of the effect.
 - b. The curse was not because of _____ or vindictiveness.
 - c. Mercy must be _____, or judgment is inevitable.