

SEEKING FRUIT

Luke 13:6–9 (NKJV) ⁶ He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and <u>find</u> none.

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Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' 8 But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. 9 And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.'"

CHOKE THE WORD

Matthew 13:22-23 (NKJV) ²² Now he who received seed **among the thorns** is he who hears the word, and the **cares of this** world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

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²³ But he who received seed **on the good ground** is he who hears the word and understands *it*, who indeed **bears fruit and produces:** some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

WHO WILL YOU BE?

John 12:3–6 (NKJV) ³ Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. ⁴ But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,

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⁵ "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" ⁶ This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

GIVE AND IT WILL BE GIVEN

Luke 6:38 (NKJV) ³⁸ **Give, and it will begiven to you**: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:14–16 (NKJV) ¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

GENEROUS HEART

A generous heart is a fertile heart. A selfish, stingy heart, is toxic to God's word.

DEALING WITH THORNS

- 1. Cast your cares onto the Lord
- 2. Devalue earthly wealth
- 3. Pursue true riches!

