



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 6: 43-49

Jesus said to his disciples:

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.

For every tree is known by its own fruit.

For people do not pick figs from thornbushes,
nor do they gather grapes from brambles.

A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good,
but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil;
for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I command?"

I will show you what someone is like who comes to me,
listens to my words, and acts on them.

That one is like a man building a house,
who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock;
when the flood came, the river burst against that house
but could not shake it because it had been well built.

But the one who listens and does not act
is like a person who built a house on the ground
without a foundation.

When the river burst against it,
it collapsed at once and was completely destroyed."

Our Scripture Reflection

Today's Gospel text poses two most important questions: On what do you base your life? What gives your life meaning?? Using very practical examples, Jesus instructs His disciples on the need for a true and lasting foundation for one's life. He and His Gospel are the one foundation that will withstand any and all storms that should arise. If Jesus is your rock-solid foundation, not only will you have a lasting foundation, but also one that will lead to your producing good fruit.

Food for your Journey

An Amish man was once asked by an enthusiastic young evangelist whether he had been saved and whether he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. The gentleman replied, "Why do you ask me such a thing? I could tell you anything. Here is the name of my banker, my grocer and my farm hands. Ask THEM if I am saved."

-Kent Gilbert.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You are my Rock, my fortress and my strength. Be with me, Lord, during the storms in this life and teach me Your way. Amen.