

Jesus Says...

Out Of The Heart...

Luke 6:43-45

Mark 7:21-23 & Matt. 12:34

Kids Say The Darndest Things!

Out of the Heart – Luke 6:43-45

Exposition

The Illustration vs. 43-44

❖ The Context

Jesus is speaking here to His disciples...

instructing them to deal with the inner matters, the kind of people we are within

- o Be magnanimous (great of spirit)
- o Be self-aware (clear of eye)
- o Look to the source – ‘out of the heart’

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The Illustration vs. 43-44

❖ The Context

❖ Good/Bad Trees → Good/Bad Fruit

It's the kind of tree or plant you've got that determines the kind of fruit you'll get.

The 'good' or 'bad' can refer to...

- A healthy or unhealthy plant
- A superior or inferior variety or kind of plant

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The Illustration vs. 43-44

The Explanation vs. 45

- ❖ **As is the heart – so is the life**
- ❖ **Treasury of the heart**

heart – your true nature

treasury

- literally: where something of value that is stored
- figuratively: the storehouse of your heart, the inner core of your nature – the ‘real you’ on the inside.

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- ❖ **As is the heart – so is the life**
- ❖ **Treasury of the heart**
- ❖ **Sin and the sin nature**

Sins on the outside come from our sin on the inside – our sin nature. (See Mark 7:21-23)

Sin (our nature) is at the root of our sins (acts/thots)

We're not sinners just because we sin; instead, we sin because we're sinners – that's our nature.

(See Eph 2:1-5; Ps 51:5)

The *new nature* produces good fruit!

(See Gal 5:16ff.; Eph 2:6-10)

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Application

*“you can dress up a pig...
but it’s still a pig!”*

❖ Implications for how you approach the spiritual life

Dealing only with external issues
leads to barren legalism or dead ritualism

❖ Implications for nurture and growth

Parent’s goal

- Shepherding your child’s heart!

Sunday School – Awana – Youth work

- Bible knowledge or behavior change without a transformed heart results in evangelical hypocrisy!

