

**Matthew 12:33-37**  
**Heart and Mouth and Deed and Living.**

- I. Good and bad trees.
  - A. A tree is known by its fruit. [Luke 6:44; Jude 1:12]
  - B. Only two choices: fruit or firewood. [Matt 7:19; Matt 3:8, 10]
  - C. What kind of fruit was Jesus bearing?
  - D. The Pharisees resist the rational conclusion about Jesus and blaspheme in their hearts.
  
- II. Speaking your mind: fruit of the heart.
  - A. The treasure of the heart. [Matt 12:35; Mark 7:20]
  - B. The fruit of the lips shows the nature of the heart. [Psalm 37:30-31; Prov 10:20; Luke 11:47-48]
  - C. The principle: like produces like. [Matt 16:6, 12; Luke 12:1]
  
- III. The long term consequence of speaking .
  - A. The judgment by words.
  - B. Aren't we saved by grace through faith? [Eph 2:8-9; 2Tim 1:9; Rom 10:9-10]
  - C. For every idle word men may speak... [Prov 15:4; Eph 4:29]
  
- IV. Hunger for the fruit of the tree of life.
  - A. Pay attention to the principle of "like produces like": God teaches it to us repeatedly. [Prov 13:20; 1Cor 15:33; 2tim 2:16; Heb 12:15]
  - B. If you are persecuted or slandered for being a Christian, you do not need to defend yourself. [Rom 8:33-34]
  - C. I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God. Revelation 2:7