



Jesus And Your Image

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Lesson 3, Devotion 1

“The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.”

— Luke 6:45

Your actions reveal your heart. You can hide for a while, but who you are will always surface. If you are a Christ-follower, it will be evident in what you do. If you are bad person, no amount of image control can make you look good for long.

In this day and age of social media, always on cameras, and people always watching, you will be revealed for who you are.

And if you’ve identified yourself as a Christ-follower, people are waiting to watch you fail. It may not feel fair, but it’s true. People are already skeptical of your faith. They want to see if what you believe truly makes a difference in your life. The question is, Do your actions prove that Jesus does make a difference? Do your actions back up your image?

Something To Think About . . .

- If you were to judge yourself by your own fruit, how would you view yourself?
- If others were to judge you by your fruit, what would they say?
- Thankfully, we’re saved by God’s grace through our faith in Jesus. Maybe say a prayer thanking God for saving you because He loves you not because of how well you keep the rules.

Lesson 3, Devotion 2

Go outside and stand underneath a tree for a few minutes. It can be in your yard, a park, or somewhere where you can safely stand for a little while. Look at the branches, the leaves, the height the tree has reached.

This tree didn’t reach that height overnight. It took many years to grow from a little seed to the massive tree you see before you.

As you look up into the tree, ask yourself the following questions:

- Do you feel closer to the big tree, or the little seed?
- What do you think it took for this tree to grow as tall as it did?
- What will it take for your life to bear fruit and look like Jesus?

Lesson 3, Devotion 3

“Though we cannot see the heart, we can see the life.” — David Paul Kirkpatrick

Something To Think About . . .

- What does this quote say to you about image and actions?
- Does your life reflect your heart? How do you know?
- If you need to do a little heart work today, where does it start? (HINT: It doesn’t start with you.)