

Questions for Life

From Sunday, September 20, 2009

Is That in the Bible? You Will Know Them by Their Fruit

Matthew 7:15 " Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 "You will know them by their fruits..." "

Matthew 7:21 " Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' "

Matthew 12:33 " ...for a tree is known by *its* fruit. 34 "Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."

John 6:40 "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day. 47 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. "

1. The popular interpretation of Matthew 7:16 is “you will know them [Christians] by their fruits [works].” Can you tell if you used to believe this idea and how it made you feel about yourself?
2. If you know you have eternal life, can you share why you know this, and what led you to know this?
3. Can you give examples of some people that Jesus refers to in Matthew 7:15-16 and why you feel they fit His description?
4. How does it make you feel to read Matthew 7:21-23, and why do you feel this way?