

WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST

Southeast provides relational environments where you can find **Jesus, community, and purpose**.

GET CONNECTED

God created us for community. If you are interested in serving, participating in a life group, or would like more information about an upcoming event, visit **southeastcc.org** or send an email to **connect@southeastcc.org**.

NEED PRAYER?

We are honored to pray with you or for you. Join us after services to pray with someone at **southeastcc.org**. You may also submit a prayer request at **southeastcc.org/prayer**.

BEST SERMON EVER - THE FRUIT

NOTES | 8.1.21

Matthew 7:15-20, New Living Translation (NLT)

Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.

2 Peter 2:1-3 | NLT

But there were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will cleverly teach destructive heresies and even deny the Master who bought them. In this way, they will bring sudden destruction on themselves. Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of these teachers, the way of truth will be slandered. In their greed they will make up clever lies to get hold of your money. But God condemned them long ago, and their destruction will not be delayed.

Galatians 5:22-23 | NLT

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

John 15:5 | NLT

Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:8 | NLT

When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

Romans 11:17 | NLT

But some of these branches from Abraham's tree – some of the people of Israel – have been broken off. And you Gentiles, who were branches from a wild olive tree, have been grafted in. So now you also receive the blessing God has promised Abraham and his children, sharing in the rich nourishment from the root of God's special olive tree.

IMPLICATIONS

- 1. A fruit tree is a fruit tree no matter our perception of the quality or quantity of its fruit.
- 2. Own the effort, let God handle the results.
- 3. See the fruit, know the tree, toil the soil.
- 4. When our identity is solid, our calling is clear and our conduct reflects God's heart.







IMPLICATIONS

- 1. God will often place us in positions where we need community.
- 2. Being forced to ask for help brings true humility and compels us to see the value in others.
- 3. Submitting to one another is an act of submitting to God.

Ephesians 5:20-21 | ESV

Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

James 4:6–7 | ESV

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.





