



# THE FRUITLESS CHRISTIAN



# Mark 11:12-14

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.





# Fig leaf noun

Synonyms of fig leaf >

1 : the leaf of a fig tree

2 : {from the use by Adam and Eve of fig leaves to cover their nakedness after eating the forbidden fruit (Genesis 3:7)} : something that conceals or camouflages usually inadequately or dishonestly



# Matthew 7:18-19

A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.





# Mark 11:20-25

As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. And Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.” And Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart,



# Mark 11:20-25 cont

but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive your trespasses.”



# James 4:1-3

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.



# 1 John 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in what ever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.



# John 15:1-2

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.



# John 15:3-6

Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned.



A landscape photograph featuring a large, leafless tree in the foreground on the left. A wooden fence runs across the middle ground. In the background, there is a hillside with sparse vegetation under a dark, overcast sky with heavy clouds. The overall mood is somber and dramatic.

# John 15:7-8

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.



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# John 15:10

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.



A landscape photograph featuring a large, leafless tree in the center-left. In the foreground, there is a field of tall, dry, yellowish grass. A wooden fence with wire runs across the middle ground. The background shows a hillside under a dark, cloudy sky, suggesting an approaching storm.

# John 15:16-17

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.




A landscape photograph featuring a large, leafless tree in the foreground on the left. A wooden fence runs across the middle ground. In the background, there is a hillside with sparse vegetation under a dark, cloudy sky. The text "1 Peter 4:9" is overlaid in the upper center, and "Show hospitality to one another without grumbling." is overlaid in the center.

# 1 Peter 4:9

Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.





**Hospitality + NO grumbling = Good fruit with Holy Spirit**

**Hospitality + Grumbling = Bad/Bitter fruit**

**NO Hospitality + Grumbling = No fruit and no leaves**

**NO Hospitality + NO Grumbling = No fruit only leaves**