

## Matt 21:18-27 Week 66

### Dead Fig Trees and Dead Faith

Matt 21:18 Early in the morning, as he was on his way back to the city, he was hungry. 19 Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered.  
20 When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" they asked.  
21 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. 22 If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

- The cleansing of the Temple was a denunciation of Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ and the cursing of the fig tree was a denunciation of Israel as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- On this occasion He used a barren fig tree to illustrate a \_\_\_\_\_ barren nation.

#### The Parable

- The fig tree represented spiritually dead \_\_\_\_\_. Its leaves represented Israel's outward \_\_\_\_\_, and its lack of fruit represented Israel's spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
- Can a Believer in Christ be used to carry out Satan's plans? \_\_\_\_\_.
- What do you call a fig tree with leaves but no fruit? A \_\_\_\_\_. Fruit is always an indication and manifestation of \_\_\_\_\_, It's a picture of a transformed life in which operates the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- How and on what was the nation founded? \_\_\_\_\_. The nation was \_\_\_\_\_ by faith. Faith by itself can do nothing. Faith has to have an \_\_\_\_\_. Faith then, is the \_\_\_\_\_ that puts us in line with the power from God. Power lines have to have a beginning and an end. Faith connects the two.

## The Rules of Prayer

James 4:2-3 You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

- You cannot pray out of a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.
- You cannot pray apart from God's will.
- You don't get, because you don't \_\_\_\_\_.
- The prayer of faith is available with \_\_\_\_\_.

## Dead Faith vs. Living Faith

### Dead Faith

- Has an absence of \_\_\_\_\_ deeds
- Is empty \_\_\_\_\_

The only way you can know saving faith in others is by their \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

### Living Faith

- It's the leaning of your entire \_\_\_\_\_ on God, in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness.  
It's a dependence on God because we are acquainted with His love and mercy.
- What does it look like?  
If dead faith is the \_\_\_\_\_ of righteous deeds, then living faith is the presence of righteous deeds.
- Living faith manifests Godly \_\_\_\_\_.
- It produces \_\_\_\_\_ and the fruit of the spirit.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ through difficulty.
- It has \_\_\_\_\_ and love for others.
- It is ready to \_\_\_\_\_ to God's word when God speaks. (It's a doer of the word-- not just a hearer)
- It \_\_\_\_\_ fear, trials and temptations.

That is the idea Jesus had in mind. He was saying, "I want you to know that you have unimaginable power available to you through your faith in Me."