In 1893 the Supreme Court of this land put a tomato “on trial.” Under U.S. customs regulations, the tomato should be classified as a vegetable rather than a fruit. The Court’s unanimous opinion held that the Tariff Act of 1883 used the ordinary meaning of the words “fruit” and “vegetable,” instead of the technical botanical meaning (wikipedia.org/wiki/Nix_v._Hedden). The judges said that by nature, tomatoes were fruits of the vine. Just like berries, tomatoes have seed inside a pulpy, juicy tissue. However, the way people ate it made it officially a vegetable. They served the tomato with dinner, rather than as a dessert. The tax was determined to be valid under the tomato law.

The case was based on semantics, or what the words vegetable and fruit really mean. The Bible used an example about vegetation to teach us how to distinguish God’s people from those who aren’t Christians. Please take a look...

“...You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.” (Matthew 7:16-20 NKJV)

What would be an ordinary application in our life today? Well, we shouldn’t judge the sincerity of people based only on what they say. We must look, observe, and see how they live their lives. And expect people to be watching us in the very same way! The children of God should be living in such a way that their lives are constructive, beneficial, honest, wholesome, and focused on doing the will of God.

Have you seen the “IDEA BOX” YES? It humbly requests your kind “input”

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We are glad you decided to worship God with us!