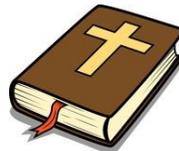


"Pressing On"

Gospel Meeting, October 20-22

With John Cannon



What must you and I do to reach "toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" ?

Flowers Available Soon!

By Their Fruits!



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*.

What is your "fruit" like?

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

To all our visitors: *Please feel free to participate!*

You should expect to hear singing with voices only, a few "family" announcements, prayers spoken, and see the Lord's Supper offered, then free-willed giving, and Gospel preaching from the Bible.

Any response is up to you and will be kindly received.

We are glad you decided to worship God with us!

Bday/Anniv Lunch: 2nd Sunday...

Friday Bible Study: 7 to 8 PM; study of New Testament commands that apply today...

NMCCCH: SOUPS! Cream of Mushroom or Cream of Chicken. Please check the expiration date!

One Night Gospel Meeting:

Shannon, Sunday (9/29, today) at 7:30 PM "Today's Spiritual Israel" by Mike Dickison

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