

# 23 Strong October – The Awe of Imagery in The Sermon on the Mount



## October Day 1 Introduction

*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*

Psalms 119:161b



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### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

Today we begin a new month, and new quarter of 23 Strong! Our focus for this last quarter will hopefully leave us in awe at God's powerful Word spoken through Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, starting this month with the Imagery we find there.

Throughout our 23 Strong experience, we have carefully looked at some of the images in this sermon, like salt, light, treasure etc. but there are others that still need to be more carefully explored. We will take the time to explore them this month, and we'll even consider some personal images the Holy Spirit may have impressed upon our hearts through this sermon too.

So, as we get started, let's take in God's Word, and move through it in the following ways:

- **PRAY**, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal the awe of God's Word to you this month.
- **WATCH** the brief video we've titled, October Introduction.
- **PAUSE** the video at the appointed time to **READ** Matthew 5-7. As you read, also **SURVEY** the content to **MAKE A LIST** of all the imagery you find there.
- From your list, **SELECT 3** images which are especially powerful to you and **MAKE A NOTE** of why.
- **FINISH WATCHING** the video.
- **CONSIDER** the memorization encouragement in the box below.

**MEMORIZATION MOMENT** – Ask God which imagery verses He would have you to memorize this month. Listen for His answer!



## October Day 2 Introduction Part 2

*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*

Psalms 119:161b



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### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

We will spend a bit more time today focused upon introducing this month, which is focused on the Imagery of the Sermon on the Mount.

Yesterday we surveyed the Sermon on the Mount and created an imagery list. You will need that list today as we take in God's Word and move through it in the following ways:

- **PRAY**, asking the Holy Spirit to help you stand in awe of God's Word in the Sermon on the Mount.
- **LOOK** at the imagery list you created yesterday and recall the 3 images that you chose as the most powerful to you. Considering those 3 images, **JOURNAL** about the following...
  - What is Jesus communicating through this image?
  - How does this image speak to me, encourage me, and challenge me?
- **READ** Matthew 7:1-6, 13-14, and 15-20 and specifically identify the three images in those verses.
- **PRAY**, asking God to specifically speak to you, encourage you and challenge you through these 3 images this month.
- **CONSIDER** the memorization encouragement in the box below.

**MEMORIZATION MOMENT** – Regarding the verses which the Lord designated for you to memorize this month, make a pacing plan of how you will memorize them in the remaining 21 days.



## October Day 3 Speck and Log

*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*

Psalm 119:161b



### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

For the next six days we will give our attention to the imagery of Matthew 7:1-6, the *"speck and log."*

Today our focus will be upon getting very familiar with the content of these verses. We may already be somewhat familiar, but we want to become very familiar.

So, let's take in and move through God's Word in the following ways:

- **PRAY**, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding the *"speck and log."*
- **READ** and **COPY** Matthew 7:1-6.
- **CREATE** a detailed outline of these verses.
- **READ** Matthew 7:1-6 again alongside your outline. **EDIT** your outline as needed.
- **CONSIDER** the memorization encouragement in the box below.

**MEMORIZATION MOMENT** – Begin working your memorization plan today. Ask the Lord to help you!



## October Day 4 Speck and Log

*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*

Psalm 119:161b



### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

Today we will continue in our focus upon the imagery of Matthew 7:1-6, the *"speck and log."*

In one regard, the overall content of these verses could be considered to be fairly well known, even outside of Christian circles. However, the imagery in these verses is far deeper than many tend to realize. We will explore that more today as we take in and move through God's Word in the following ways:

- **PRAY**, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding the *"speck and log."*
- **READ** and **COPY** Matthew 7:1-6.
- **WATCH** the video we've titled, Jesus Talks About Judging, taking notes as you watch.
- **REVIEW** your notes from the video.
- **JOURNAL** about anything in the video that specifically spoke to you, encourage you, or challenged you.
- **CONSIDER** the memorization encouragement in the box below.

**MEMORIZATION MOMENT** – Before you begin memorizing today, pause to remember **WHY** you are doing so. Ask the Lord to bless your efforts, and then get started.



## October Day 5 Speck and Log

*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*

Psalms 119:161b



### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

Jesus' Words in Matthew 7:1-6 paint a vivid image of the *"speck and log"* that we can't easily forget. And that is good! In fact, Jesus uses powerful images like this, so that we will remember...

So today, as we take in and move through God's Word, let's specifically set our attention upon *"the log"* or *"logs"* that may be in our own eyes...

- PRAY, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding the image of *"the log."*
- READ Matthew 7:1-6 in at least 3 different translations of Scripture. (see various translations at Biblegateway.com)
  - NOTE the differences in wording, specifically about *"the log."*
  - REMEMBER that *"the log"* represents big obstructions in our sight which keep us from the blessings of Kingdom living.
  - SEARCH your own eyes and heart to see where *"logs"* may be present. JOURNAL your thoughts.
  - RECALL the reasons discussed in the video that removal of *"the log"* is so important. And then CONSIDER those reasons as you seek to, *"look"* at yourself, and *"say"* to the Lord, *"please help me take the log out of my eye!"* JOURNAL a prayer about doing so.
- CONSIDER the memorization encouragement in the box below.

**MEMORIZATION MOMENT** – As you memorize today, determine not to rush through it. Give yourself time to make it stick!



## October Day 6 Speck and Log

*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*

Psalms 119:161b



### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

Yesterday as we looked at Jesus' vivid image of the *"speck and log"* from Matthew 7:1-6, we specifically gave attention to *"the log."* And now today, we will turn our attention to *"the speck."* So, let's take in and move through God's Word in the following ways:

- PRAY, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding the image of *"the speck."*
- READ Matthew 7:1-6 in at least 3 different translations of Scripture. (see various translations at Biblegateway.com)
  - NOTE the differences in wording, specifically about *"the speck."*
  - REMEMBER that *"the speck"* represents small obstructions in our sight which keep us from the blessings of Kingdom living.
  - SEARCH your heart to make note of any *"specks"* you've been concerned about in friends or family members lives. JOURNAL your thoughts about why these are concerns.
  - RECALL the reasons discussed in the video that removal of *"the log"* in our own eye is so important before we point out a *"speck"* in someone else's eye. And then CONSIDER those reasons as you seek to, *"look"* at that speck in your *"brother's eye"* and help him *"remove it."*
  - In consideration of all those things, JOURNAL a prayer to the Lord about how He would have you be a good friend in Christ, spurring on your *"brother or sister"* in kingdom living.
- CONSIDER the memorization encouragement in the box below.

**MEMORIZATION MOMENT** – As you memorize today, make sure to review before you add in more words. Reviewing is essential to memorization success!





## October Day 7 Speck and Log

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Psalm 119:161b



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### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

As we continue to focus upon Jesus' imagery of *"the speck and log"* in Matthew 7:1-6, today we want to make this very personal to the kingdom relationships that we share.

- **PRAY**, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding your 'kingdom relationships.'
- **READ** Matthew 7:1-6 out loud.
- **REVIEW** your video notes from Day 4 to recall the definition of 'kingdom relationships.'
  - Thinking of your big circle of 'kingdom relationships,' **CONSIDER** the top 5 *"specks"* you tend to *"look at"* and *"speak to"* either inwardly, outwardly, or both. How does that thinking and inward or outward speech line up with Jesus' Words through this imagery? **JOURNAL** your thoughts.
  - Thinking of your smaller circle of 'kingdom relationships,' **IDENTIFY** the top 3 people that you tend to share life with in God's kingdom. Are you sharing with each of them in this kind of relationship that Jesus is encouraging in Matthew 7:1-6? If yes, how have you both grown because of it? If no, how could you be instrumental in moving your relationship towards that kind of humility, honesty and sanctification? **JOURNAL** your thoughts.
  - Thinking of those outside your 'kingdom relationships,' how does verse 6 instruct you about sharing 'kingdom Truth' with those outside 'kingdom relationship?' **JOURNAL** your thoughts.
  - **JOURNAL** a prayer in response to all you have considered today.
- **CONSIDER** the memorization encouragement in the box below.

**MEMORIZATION MOMENT** – As you memorize today, remember you are memorizing holy words fit for God's Kingdom and His Kingdom people. What a privilege!



## October Day 8 Speck and Log

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Psalm 119:161b



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### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

Today will be our last day in Matthew 7:1-6, meditating on Jesus' powerful imagery of *"the speck and log."* As we meditate on these verses today, we will expand our meditation to also connect this imagery with other Words from Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.

- **PRAY**, asking the Holy Spirit to solidify Truth to you regarding your sight and relationships.
- **READ** Matthew 7:1-6 and Matthew 5:21-26.
  - Taking all that you know about both of these sections of the Sermon on the Mount, **JOURNAL** about how they connect and how one image actually expands your understanding and application of the other.
- **READ** Matthew 7:1-6 and Matthew 6:22-23.
  - Taking all that you know about the images Jesus reveals in these verses, **JOURNAL** about how they connect, and how one image actually expands your understanding and application of the other.
- **JOURNAL** a prayer in response to all you have considered today.
- **CONSIDER** the memorization encouragement in the box below.

**MEMORIZATION MOMENT** – As you memorize today, pause and first pray that God would not only help you memorize, but that He would truly give you understanding of the language of His Word!





## October Day 9 Narrow and Wide Gates

*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*

Psalm 119:161b



### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

For the next six days we will give our attention to the imagery of Matthew 7:13-4, the *“narrow and wide gates.”*

Today our focus will be upon getting better acquainted with the content of these verses.

So, let's take in and move through God's Word in the following ways:

- PRAY, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding the *“narrow and wide gates.”*
- READ and COPY Matthew 7:13-14.
- CREATE a detailed outline of these two verses.
- READ Matthew 7:13-14 again alongside your outline. EDIT your outline as needed.
- CONSIDER the memorization encouragement in the box below.

MEMORIZATION MOMENT – It's worth considering... Scripture memorization is a narrow gate, as most won't take the time or give the energy to find and walk through it, but there is so much LIFE inside!



## October Day 10 Narrow and Wide Gates

*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*

Psalm 119:161b



### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

Today we will continue in our focus upon the imagery of Matthew 7:13-14, the *“narrow and wide gates.”*

Within these two small verses lies an image so profound, for all who will take the time to consider and choose the *“narrow gate.”* We will explore that more today as we take in and move through God's Word in the following ways:

- PRAY, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding the *“narrow and wide gates.”*
- READ and COPY Matthew 7:13-14.
- WATCH the video we've titled, Jesus Talks About Gates, taking notes as you watch.
- REVIEW your notes from the video.
- JOURNAL about anything in the video that specifically spoke to you, encourage you, or challenged you.
- CONSIDER the memorization encouragement in the box below.

MEMORIZATION MOMENT – Any sacrifice that you must make in order to practice Scripture memorization is most likely worth it!



## October Day 11 Narrow and Wide Gates

*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*

Psalm 119:161b



### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

Jesus' Words in Matthew 7:13-14 draw a powerful image of the "*narrow and wide gates*" that we can't easily forget, and that is good! In fact, Jesus uses powerful images like this, so that we will remember...

So today, as we take in and move through God's Word, let's specifically set our attention upon "*the wide gate*"...

- **PRAY**, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding the image of "*the wide gate.*"
- **READ** Matthew 7:13-14 in at least 3 different translations of Scripture. (see various translations at Biblegateway.com)
  - **NOTE** the differences in wording, specifically about "*the wide gate.*"
  - **REMEMBER** that "*the wide gate*" represents popular, easy to locate choices that promise a great return.
  - **SEARCH** your own heart and behavior to see places in your life where you may be settling for the "*wide gate.*" **JOURNAL** your thoughts.
  - **RECALL** the descriptions of the "*wide gate*" discussed in the video on Day 10 in regard to entering the Kingdom of God. Are any of these especially appealing to you? Why? **JOURNAL** your thoughts.
- **CONSIDER** the memorization encouragement in the box below.

**MEMORIZATION MOMENT** - Scripture Memorization is like a flashlight inside you... it will help you to see the wide gate is a path toward destruction.



## October Day 12 Narrow and Wide Gates

*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*

Psalm 119:161b



### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

Yesterday as we looked at Jesus' vivid image of the "*narrow and wide gates*" from Matthew 7:13-14, we specifically gave attention to "*the wide gate.*" And now today, we will turn our attention to "*the narrow gate.*" So, let's take in and move through God's Word in the following ways:

- **PRAY**, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding the image of "*the narrow and wide gates.*"
- **READ** Matthew 7:13-14 in at least 3 different translations of Scripture. (see various translations at Biblegateway.com)
  - **NOTE** the differences in wording, specifically about "*the narrow gate.*"
  - **REMEMBER** that "*the narrow gate*" represents unpopular challenging choices that lead to life.
  - **REVIEW** your notes from the video shared on Day 10.
  - **RECALL** the descriptions of the "*narrow gate*" discussed in the video on Day 10 in regard to entering the Kingdom of God. Are any of these especially challenging to you? Why? **JOURNAL** your thoughts.
  - **SEARCH** your own heart and behavior to see places in your life where you are committed to choosing the "*narrow gate*" and places where you are not. **JOURNAL** your thoughts.
- **CONSIDER** the memorization encouragement in the box below.

**MEMORIZATION MOMENT** - Scripture Memorization is like a flashlight inside you... it will help you locate the narrow way.



**October Day 13** Narrow and Wide Gates  
*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*  
Psalm 119:161b



### **SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS**

As we continue to consider the imagery of the *"narrow and wide gates,"* today we will consider this imagery alongside the full text of the Sermon on the Mount.

See, no doubt, so many of the things Jesus discusses in the Sermon on the Mount are describing a narrow way of living that actually leads to life. So, let's take in and move through God's Word in the following ways:

- **PRAY**, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding the image of *"the narrow and wide gates."*
- **READ** and **COPY** Matthew 7:13-14.
- **READ** the Sermon on the Mount making note of each time you hear Jesus describing
  - a narrow choice
  - a wide choice
- **PICK ONE** choice from your list and **JOURNAL** a prayer to God about it in regard your own choices.
- **CONSIDER** the memorization encouragement in the box below.

**MEMORIZATION MOMENT** – It's worth considering... the Bible in your memory is better than a Bible on your bookcase.



**October Day 14** Narrow and Wide Gates  
*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*  
Psalm 119:161b



### **SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS**

Today will be our last day of specifically looking at Jesus' imagery of *"the narrow and wide gates."* And as we look, we will expand our view to the fullness of Scripture and the real-life stories we find there, and also to the people around us. So, let's take in and move through God's Word in the following ways:

- **PRAY**, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding the image of *"the narrow and wide gates."*
- **READ** and **SPEAK OUT LOUD** Matthew 7:13-14.
- Considering the real-life stories of Scripture, **THINK OF** at least one Bible character who chose the narrow way, and one who didn't. **FIND** and **READ** accounts of their stories and **JOURNAL** about the following...
  - What narrow or wide choice did he/she make?
  - What did his/her choice lead them to experience?
- Considering the lives of people around you, **THINK OF** at least one person you know who is choosing a narrow way of life, and one who isn't. Then **JOURNAL** about the following...
  - What narrow or wide choice is he/she making?
  - What is his/her choice leading him/her to experience?
- **JOURNAL** a prayer in response to all you have considered today.
- **REACH OUT** to the person you thought of who is choosing the narrow way. Thank them for their example.
- **CONSIDER** the memorization encouragement in the box below.

**MEMORIZATION MOMENT** – Try this today... record yourself reading the verse(s) you are trying to memorize. Then listen to the recording on repeat.





October Day 15 Good Fruit and Bad Fruit  
*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*  
Psalm 119:161b



### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

O the depth of insight and wisdom Jesus shares with us in these images. We thank Him for all of the powerful Truth He is teaching us! And now, for the next seven days we will give our attention to another powerful image in Matthew 7:15-20... the *"good fruit and bad fruit."*

Today our focus will be upon getting better acquainted with the content of these verses.

So, let's take in and move through God's Word in the following ways:

- PRAY, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding the *"good fruit and bad fruit."*
- READ and COPY Matthew 7:15-20.
- CREATE a detailed outline of these six verses.
- READ Matthew 7:15-20 again alongside your outline. EDIT your outline as needed.
- CONSIDER the memorization encouragement in the box below.

MEMORIZATION MOMENT – Memorization of Scripture is one way to root good fruit in your life!



October Day 16 Good Fruit and Bad Fruit  
*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*  
Psalm 119:161b



### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

Today we will continue in our focus upon the imagery of Matthew 7:15-20, the *"good fruit and bad fruit."*

From one perspective, the imagery Jesus shares here in these verses can seem like concluding thoughts to all He has shared thus far in the Sermon on the Mount. And yet from other perspectives, it could seem introductory, or foundational, or really all of these perspectives combined. May we see all that He has for us in this powerful imagery as we take the time to consider His Words. Let's do that in the following ways:

- PRAY, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding the *"good fruit and bad fruit."*
- READ and COPY Matthew 7:15-20.
- WATCH the video we've titled, Jesus Talks About Fruit, taking notes as you watch.
- REVIEW your notes from the video.
- JOURNAL about anything in the video that specifically spoke to you, encouraged you, or challenged you.
- CONSIDER the memorization encouragement in the box below.

MEMORIZATION MOMENT – Memorization of Scripture is like fertilizer for producing *"good fruit"* in our lives.



October Day 17 Good Fruit and Bad Fruit  
*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*  
Psalm 119:161b



### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

Jesus' Words in Matthew 7:15-20 of "*good fruit and bad fruit*" paint a powerful image for us to consider. Today we'll consider His Words by giving focused attention to the Standard of how we can inspect "*fruit*" ...

- PRAY, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding the image of "*good fruit and bad fruit.*"
- READ Matthew 7:15-20 out loud.
- REVIEW your notes from the video on Day 16... specifically your notes about the Standard of Fruit.
- READ Galatians 5:19-23 and glean the following:
  - MAKE A LIST of the "*fruit*" produced by the Spirit (verses 22-23) and do your best to DEFINE each word on your list.
  - MAKE A LIST of the "*fruit*" (*deeds*) produced by the flesh (verses 19-21) and do your best to DEFINE each word on your list.
- READ Matthew 7:15-20 again.
- PRAY, asking the Lord to bring this Truth from His Word in Galatians to mind as you continue to consider Jesus' image of "*good fruit and bad fruit*" in the coming days.
- CONSIDER the memorization encouragement in the box below.

MEMORIZATION MOMENT – Memorization of Scripture is like watering the fruit of the Spirit in our lives!



October Day 18 Good Fruit and Bad Fruit  
*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*  
Psalm 119:161b



### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

Our focus upon Jesus' Words in Matthew 7:15-20 of "*good fruit and bad fruit*" will continue today as we specifically consider Jesus' descriptions of the trees that produce both kinds of fruit. So...

- PRAY, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding the image of "*good fruit and bad fruit.*"
- REVIEW your notes from the Day 16 video... specifically the notes about Jesus' descriptions of the trees.
- READ Matthew 7:15-20 in at least 3 different translations of Scripture. (see various translations at Biblegateway.com).
  - As you read, MAKE NOTE of the varying words used to describe both kinds of trees.
  - JOURNAL your thoughts about how these varying words line up with what was shared in the video regarding Jesus' descriptions of the trees.
- In light of what you have considered, JOURNAL your thoughts about:
  - The significance of identifying/labeling trees (people) as "*good*" or "*bad.*"
  - The importance of you personally being a "*good tree.*"
- PRAY, talking to the Lord about all you have meditated upon today in His Word.
- CONSIDER the memorization encouragement in the box below.

MEMORIZATION MOMENT – Memorizing Scripture is not something we do alone, we memorize with the Holy Spirit Who lives inside of us!



## October Day 19 Good Fruit and Bad Fruit

*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*

Psalm 119:161b



### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

We are still in Matthew 7:15-20... meditating upon Jesus' powerful image of "*good fruit and bad fruit.*" Yesterday we considered Jesus' descriptions of the trees that produce both kinds of fruit, and now today we will consider His descriptions of the actual fruit...

- PRAY, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding the image of "*good fruit and bad fruit.*"
- REVIEW your notes from the Day 16 video... specifically the notes about Jesus' descriptions of the fruit.
- READ Matthew 7:15-20 in at least 3 different translations of Scripture. (see various translations at Biblegateway.com).
  - As you read, MAKE NOTE of the varying words used to describe both kinds of "*fruit.*"
  - JOURNAL your thoughts about how these varying words line up with what was shared in the video regarding Jesus' descriptions of the "*fruit.*"
- In light of what you have considered, JOURNAL your thoughts about how:
  - "*Good fruit*" increases value and virtue in the kingdom of God.
  - "*Bad fruit*" increases evil in the world.
- PRAY, talking to the Lord about all you have meditated upon today in His Word.
- CONSIDER the memorization encouragement in the box below.

MEMORIZATION MOMENT – Memorizing Scripture increases value and virtue in our hearts and minds. Sounds like good fruit!



## October Day 20 Good Fruit and Bad Fruit

*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*

Psalm 119:161b



### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

Jesus has great purpose in sharing these powerful images with us. While we may not fully take all that is in His heart for us to see, some is very clear. Such is the case in what will be our focus today as we continue in the image of "*good fruit and bad fruit*" found in Matthew 7:15-20. We'll call this focus The Warning of the Fruit. So...

- PRAY, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding the image of "*good fruit and bad fruit.*"
- REVIEW your notes from the Day 16 video... specifically your notes about The Warning of the Fruit.
- READ Matthew 7:15-20 in at least 3 different translations of Scripture. (see various translations at Biblegateway.com).
  - As you read, MAKE NOTE of the varying words used to describe "*false prophets*" in verse 15-16.
  - JOURNAL your thoughts about how these varying words line up with what was shared in the video regarding The Warning of the Fruit.
- In light of what you have considered...
  - JOURNAL your thoughts about how important it is to inspect "*fruit*" as we listen to "*prophets*" in our pursuit of seeking God and His Kingdom.
  - PRAY, asking God to give you wisdom and to protect you as you walk in the Truth of this image.
- CONSIDER the memorization encouragement in the box below.

MEMORIZATION MOMENT – Memorizing Scripture can help us to have wisdom and discernment in so many areas of our lives. What a gift!





## October Day 21 Good Fruit and Bad Fruit

*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*

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### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

Today will be our last day meditating upon Jesus' image of the "good fruit and bad fruit" found in Matthew 7:15-20. We've already gleaned so much, and yet today's considerations might have the most impact of all as we finish out with The Bearing/Producing of Fruit.

- **PRAY**, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you regarding the image of "good fruit and bad fruit."
- **REVIEW** your notes from the Day 16 video... specifically notes about The Bearing/Producing of Fruit.
- **READ** Matthew 7:15-20 in at least 3 different translations of Scripture. (see various translations at Biblegateway.com).
  - As you read, **MAKE NOTE** of the varying words used for "bear" or "produce" in verse 17-19.
  - **JOURNAL** your thoughts about how these varying words line up with what was shared in the video regarding The Bearing/Producing of the Fruit.
- In light of what you have considered...
  - **JOURNAL** your thoughts about the fruit your life is "bearing/producing." As you do, consider the fruit of your thoughts, choices, emotions, words, relationships and more. Also, remember to inspect your fruit alongside the standard of Galatians 5:22-23.
  - **PRAY**, asking God to prune anything in your life that may need His loving touch.
- **CONSIDER** the memorization encouragement in the box below.

**MEMORIZATION MOMENT – Memorizing Scripture bears good fruit in your life!**



## October Day 22 Personal Imagery

*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*

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### SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS

All month long we've been focused on the imagery Jesus paints with His Words in the Sermon on the Mount. There are many images in this sermon, but as we meditate on Jesus' Words, sometimes the Holy Spirit will also bring personal imagery to our attention, and these images can create powerful connection to the Truths of what Jesus says. We'll explore this more for for the remaining 2 days of 23 Strong October. So...

- **WATCH** the video we've titled, Imagery That Gets Personal, taking notes as you do.
- **IDENTIFY** any personal imagery the Holy Spirit has already given you from the Sermon on the Mount. Record it in your Journal.
- **PRAY**, and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you through personal imagery as you take in the Words of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount...
- **READ** slowly through Matthew 5 and record any imagery the Holy Spirit brings to mind as you read, giving special attention to the Truth the imagery is connected to, and why it is meaningful to you.
- **CONSIDER** the memorization encouragement in the box below.

**MEMORIZATION MOMENT – Memorizing Scripture provides a canvas for Jesus to paint powerful imagery upon.**



## October Day 23 Personal Imagery

*My heart stands in awe of Your Words.*

Psalm 119:161b



### **SPIRITUAL FOOD and FITNESS**

Yesterday we began to consider the personal imagery the Holy Spirit may be bringing to mind through Jesus' Words in the Sermon on the Mount. We will continue to do so today. So...

- **REVIEW** yesterday's notes from the video and personal reflection of Matthew 5.
- **PRAY**, and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Truth to you through personal imagery as you take in the Words of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount...
- **READ** slowly through Matthew 6 and 7 and record any imagery the Holy Spirit brings to mind as you read, giving special attention to the Truth the imagery is connected to, and why it is meaningful to you.
- **PRAY** over any personal images the Lord has given to you. Ask Him to use these powerfully in your life that you may remain connected to Jesus' Words from the Sermon on the Mount.
- **CONSIDER** the memorization encouragement in the box below.

**MEMORIZATION MOMENT – Celebrate the Word you have hidden in your heart this month!**