

## Warriors or War-heads? *Fruitopia, Part 3* *Slide Notations*

### So far...

1. *We want to be people who, like Jesus, bear sweet, juicy fruit in abundance for the One who is glorified by much fruit!* (Christianity is God's lifestyle, not our religion! It is His lifestyle, revealed and modeled by Jesus for us to embrace!)
2. *We know God cuts off unproductive branches hindering the harvest and prunes productive branches for the sake of ever better, bigger, sweeter harvest!* Blessed is the one You chasten and teach from Your word! **Ps94.12**
3. *He has planted 'miraculous' root stock and waits patiently for the harvest of good fruit to deliver to the world market!* So they can taste and see that He's good!
4. *We found out Christians can be "dead;" unproductive, cut off, and withered away and still be saved!* There's the precious love of God and the beauty of our salvation!

### Up from the dead!

We cut off secondary sources of life running thru our branches that threaten good fruit... Bad wiring, alternative lines of thought, self constructed opinions from experiences... We allow God to deal with the parasites and blights of sin that cut us off from the life in the Vine!

**"Forgiveness of sin is not the same thing as freedom from the past!"**

**Justification!** The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all our sin. He was sacrificed for our sins and raised for our reprieve. **1John 1.7, Romans 4.25**

**Sanctification!** And God made Jesus our wisdom and righteousness, our purifier and ransom! **1Cor1.30,31**

**Power of the Process!** Through our God we will do valiantly, For it is He who will tread down our enemies. **Psalms 60.12**

**Processed!** No apologies for living in the Vine! No fumbling or mumbling w/His truth! Gladly submitting to His pruning genius because we understand His objective! We call sin what it is to hate what we do! We hold ourselves accountable for the fruit we bear and the fruit we cultivate in others! Get back to being the moralist governors He created us to be on the earth!

### PT 3: Warrior or War-head!

'the fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge.' **Jeremiah 31.29**

**The text:** The Jews had begun to blame their forefathers for their sin/condition... "It's not my fault that I'm like this!" The Lord says, "In the days coming, you're not going to be able to blame anyone else; every man who eats the sour grapes, his own teeth will be set on edge!"

**The text:** Promises that the day of empowerment to break sin was coming... When every man would have the power to break the transgenerational chains of bondage... No longer have any transgenerational excuse for their sinful ways! Everyone would have to take responsibility for their actions/futures!

**Jeremiah 31.31-34** "I will make a new covenant with them... I will put My laws in them and they will be My people and I will be their God and they will no longer say let me teach you about the Lord, for they will know Me from the least to the greatest, for I will forgive their sin and remember it no more!"

**With that said...** The Lord is only condemning the use of the transgenerational principle as an excuse... Not saying the "down-line" principle of sin is not valid/real threat!

**"I am a jealous God, encountering the sins of the father to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me!" Ex20.5 "One generation teaches the next..." P145**

**And with that said...** No condemnation to those in Christ! What's done in child-rearing is done! Could be time for child-forwarding! Empowering them to be free/upbringing! Empowering them to embrace God's ways for living; love and truth; all His! **"Love w/o truth is just a seed-bed for self indulgence!"**

**Most People...** Want their kids to do/have better... Better education! Best schools/tools/tutors/travel! Better health! Food/exercise/sports/dance/rest/Dr's. Better relationships! Best mate/circumstances, good friends! Greater wealth/better retirement! Give them more/need! **Better morals? Bigger faith?**

**Consensus...** Citing space restraints and the need for relevance the editorial staff of Oxford Jr. Dictionary cut words... including 'sin...' Under 40 conservatives compromising! Under 35 Christians rewriting Word! Our own kids disappointing God/us by siding with 'underdogs,' that are not/ungodly issue! And mainly as a pay back demonstration for standing up for the word of God!

**Are we...** Fighting harder for them to be filled out than we are to have them sold out? Have best stuff v. be Godly person! Willing to sacrifice so much for their future while compromising their eternity? Once saved; enough/keep it balanced? Wanting a Godly education/experience for them –pulling them out/incomplete? Can they really have too much of God?

**Are we...** Standing off because we've had bad "religious" experiences in the past? Calloused by our own past sinfulness? Stifled by our own miss-understanding? Sold-out/culture and have kids selling- out/God, makes us too uncomfortable? Are we fearful of being sold out to God... though we accepted His payment to buy us out of our bondage?

**'The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge.'** (Jer 31.29)

**'Forgiven of our sins we continue to prove we are not free of our past!'**

**'Passing on "match-book" religion... not a lifestyle in the "all consuming fire!"'**

**Are we... Warriors or War-heads?** Do we know? Apart from Him, nothing counts! **J15** Leading them away from their fulfillment because we weren't fulfilled is a dangerous sin! **Mt 18.6, Mk 9.42, Lk 17.2** "In all things we are to show ourselves a pattern of good works; in doctrine uncorrupted, serious, sincere; in speech using words and speaking in ways that can't be condemned!" **Titus 3.7,8**

**The Point!** No matter what we've done, we can redeem our legacy of sour fruit or enhance our sweet, juicy fruit! Start living your life consumed/fruit! Go back and ignite your kids w/His life! Set your grown children on a new path! Set your affections on the next generation and go to war to serve them! "300"  
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**Warrior's or War-heads?**

**Warrior's?**

Serve Me and I will accept you and receive your offerings and your first fruits, and I will accept you with your sweet savor and gather you and comfort you and I will be sanctified in you and you will know that I am the Lord and you will remember your ways and doings that defiled you and you will hate the things you used to do and know that I am the one who gave you mercy for My name sake! **Ezekiel 20.40-44**

When they forsake Me, their vine is of the vine of Sodom, of the fields of Gomorrah: the grapes are full of gall, their clusters are bitter: Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps. **Deuteronomy 32.32,33**  
Your own wickedness will correct you, and your backslidings will reprove you; know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that you have forsaken the Lord your God! **Jeremiah 2.19**

**On the issue of legacy; sweet or bitter fruit... are we Warriors or War-heads?**

In the mouth of God... W or WH?

In the mouths of your children... W WH

In the market place... W WH

In the mouths of the generations before us... W WH

Going to fight for the right to serve them? Going to retire and quietly into the night?

**Heb 5.12-14** When, for the time you have had, you should be teachers... you have need that someone teaches you again the commencing fundamentals of the utterances of God... You have become like babes again, needing milk, and have not grown up for strong meat! Move on... step up to maturity...

**Phil 1.21-27** Life gives me opportunity for more fruit. But I don't know what to do at this point. Being old, I want to go home and be w/Jesus, the reason I've lived. But if I stay it's for your benefit. Here's what comes to mind... I will stay and continue with you for your growth and joy of faith! But let your lifestyle be worthy of the gospel! Stand fast together and strive for the faith of the gospel! Do not fear!

### **Epilogue...**

Why are we doing this? At the end of "let's run the race looking to the author and finisher of our faith... After the "God chastens those He loves and w/o chastening you are illegitimate... Beyond "Don't forsake your grace, birthright, inheritance or His voice... Right after "He removes the things that can be shaken so that those which cannot might remain..." Spirit says...

**'Receiving His unshakeable kingdom, let us serve the Lord well pleasingly, reverently and cautiously, for our God is a consuming fire...' Hebrews 12.29,30**