

Heat of the Vine!
Fruitopia, Part 7
Slide Notations

“SPLANGKHNON!” Compassion!

Caveat 1... Been off, went visiting, coming back hot! 2 churches last Sunday... Unseen /didn't want to see any more! 3 TV programs... “faithed out \$100 bills, now faithing in...” “time when everything coming back in at an accelerated pace.” “pray more!”

The Church is in trouble! Especially in the “belt”

“The worldview war is heating up in the Bible belt but are those believers equipped to fight like Christians in liberal states that have been fighting the worldview war for years? It is a fact that Bible belt Christians saw no real need to learn how to fight for biblical definition of marriage, six day creation, or the exclusivity of Jesus Christ because it was not being openly attacked. Most mid-south believers don't know the term “worldview” and can't see themselves or their generations being attacked for their Biblical convictions or values. They would say, ‘The things going on in other places would never be allowed here.’ It is clear they were wrong and in many cases are unprepared for what is now here. Sadly, I have heard good people that know what they believe but cannot give a concise defense of their position based on facts, logic, the Constitution, the Founder's intent or a Biblical worldview. I hear mostly “I feel” statements. The need in America is to think Biblically. Short of a mass Biblical worldview training, America's days are numbered as a free nation. -Howse, May 27, 2009

Caveat 2... In Fruitopia not dealing w/Fruit-Spirit. Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance **G5** Issue of continuance... “Fruitopia” deals with a connection... A place unlike any other where the people, with a wide open connection to the Vine of Life, produce sweet, juicy fruit to glorify God!

“I am the Vine, you are My branches: He that lives in Me and I in him, bears much fruit... and here is how My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit... fruit that remains! **J15.1-16**

Fruit of the Vine!

Imago Deo: the Image of God! Living like God, for God, w/a consciousness of, and conscience for, others... Jesus did that for us! He lived for God but conscious of us... If He hadn't, there would be no salvation!

Our lives, lived in Him, Him in us, point people to the God of salvation and restoration!

Forgiveness! The Vine is packed with it and if we are living, productive branches we are too! We give it: because it's done; to stay free of unforgiveness; to show we trust God w/our lives and circumstances! If we don't, we are unproductive branches, cut off, withered, bundled and burned!

Our lives, lived in Him, Him in us, acknowledge the finished work of the Cross and extend the power of it w/o hesitation!

So now we come to the third fruit of the Vine... After showing us the image of God and letting us taste His forgiveness, the Vine pulses from the core with compassion in all its facets!

Jesus on Compassion!

“Overturning the moneychangers tables, they remembered: “The zeal of Your house has eaten me up!” **J2.17/Mt21.12**

Zelos: hot glowing, or boiling, heat; zeal, envy, fervency, jealousy.

“He looked on them w/anger, grieved for the hardness of their hearts...” **Mk3.5**

Orge: passionate ire

“And Mary met Jesus on the way and said, “Lord, if you had been here...” and when Jesus saw her and her friends, weeping, He groaned and wept and groaned some more!” **J11.21-41**

Embrimaomai/dakruo: deeply moved with indignant/hot silent tears.

“He saw the city & wept over it.” **Lk19.41**

Klaio: sobbed and wailed.

He was moved because they were tired, needy, unresolved masses. **Mt9.36** Moved for the needy and sick. **14.14** For followers that are hungry. **15.32** For debtors who can't pay. **18.27** For those who know they are blind. **20.34** For those falling apart. **Mk1.41** For sheep w/o shepherds. **Mk6.34** For people torn by spirits. **9.22** For people who's hopes and futures seem dead. **Lk7.13** For bruised and hurt people thrown to the side. **10.33** For the lost/returning sinners. **15.30**

SPLANGKHNON: an inward yearning of love moving outward from the core of your being w/sympathy, pity, compassion!

When was the last time you were moved with a fire in your gut for the reasons the Vine was moved from His?

The World... Does everything it can to move the “hot desires” made to burn in your gut for people to *your groin for...* Adulteries, fornications, **Gal5.19ff** vanities. *To your eyes for...* Envy, coveting **Tit 3.3** **Pr14.30** **Col3.5** *Takes heated passion for people and turns it into “heat” for stuff!* Lust of eyes, flesh, pride of life. **1J2.16** *Does everything it can to take “hot passion” for souls and make it soulish, “unrighteous heat” bearing down on others!* The quickly angered, deals foolishly! **Pr14.17** A furious man abounds in sin! **Pr29.22** The wrath of man does not work the righteousness of God! **Jam 1.20** Be angry and sin not! **Eph4.26** Don't be angry w/o just cause! **Mt 5.22**

When was the last time you were hot? What were you hot about?

The Vine of Life... Expects our “heat” to be His heat! To be focused on the poor, needy, broken, sick, hungry, terrorized... Expects us to be moved; to tears, action, words on behalf of souls of men! Everything in this world burns up and gets replaced... including time and energy! Expects us to use everything we have, or can obtain, to attract souls!

Do we realize that not everyone is going to make it?

In life... People next to you at work... in class... in neighborhood will ask, “Why?”

Why are you standing there and I'm here? Why did you act like you were my friend? Why weren't you stirred up over my soul enough to overcome my superficiality? Why didn't you tell me the truth?” Why did you care more about your passing reputation than my eternal separation?”

At Life... Use everything we have to attract souls! “Fun” is the attraction for our kids! If we could fund it/bus every kid in the city here to enjoy a summer water park! Not a goal, an attraction to the King! “Food” is an attraction adults/not a goal! Feed county for opp to show kingdom! “Fliers” are an attraction city/not a goal! 5 minute “turn-around's.” “Friendships” are a goal, but only the kind that model the “Friend, closer/brother!” **There are no BFF's worldly way!**

“Greater love has no man than this than to lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I say!” **J15.13,14**

Should be the lousiest friend if it's outside the parameters of kingdom interests! P/U anywhere/end in His courtyard!

Talk about... Family? End w/Father of souls! Money? End w/making friends/mammon! Houses? HS temples and “the Mansion!” Cars? End w/HS transport! Clothes? End w/lilies and Glory of God! Entertainment? End w/dramas of Jesus! People? End w/only One/makes whole! Life? End w/what you don’t want to live w/o! Anything, but never leave out the “All in All!”

Connected to the Vine you should have a hot, passionate, core for souls and a passionate Kingdom experience!

And if you don’t you need to draw near to God and wait until He shares His heart with you! His heart for you, us, and all of them!

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that wins souls is wise! **Pr 11.30** He came near and saw the city, and wept and said, “If you had only known this day what would have brought you peace...”
Lk19.41