

THE DAVIDIC DEVOTIONAL

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BARREN FIG TREE

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READ: Matthew 3:10

Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find NONE: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

-Luke 13:7 | KJV

Jesus Christ normally spoke in parables when He preached to the crowd but taught when he was with the disciples. That is the benefit of intimate fellowship. Even with the parables He preached with, were so basic and down-to-earth messages that could be grasped by even little children. In one of Jesus Christ's parables, He spoke about a certain man who had a vineyard. In this vineyard, He cultivated fig trees and left it in the care of a dresser.

The man who is the owner of the vineyard is God. The dresser is Jesus Christ and the fig trees are Christians. Jesus Christ is the one who keeps and watches the vineyard through the Holy Spirit. In the vineyard, there was one particular tree that was barren. No matter how well it had been taken care of, it was not bearing fruit. The owner of the vineyard wanted to have that unfruitful tree cut down and destroyed because, it was claiming space and competing with the nutrients of the soil with the other fruitful fig trees.

But the dresser who is Jesus Christ - the Mediator between God and man, pleaded on behalf of this barren tree. He asked for extra time to help this tree out, so that, He could cause it to receive the necessary extra nutrients that dung could provide which probably, the soil of the vineyard wasn't providing. Many Christians have the extra nutrients that lies in messages of fruit bearing, yet they are fruitless. If a couple does not engage in sex, how can they have children of their own?

Fruitfulness is the ability of the Christian to engage in activities, that enhances the growth of his faith and the conversion of lost souls. As you strive to win more souls for God, you should not also forget about your own salvation. You must work it out with fear and trembling. You can't be a barren Christian, go to church and then warm the church pews and return home fruitless. You are called to be in God's vineyard for a purpose. The purpose is to win the lost souls to the Lord.

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