

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY
A Growing Tree and a Fruitful Branch

Main Point: Fruitfulness follows our faithfulness to God.

Psalm 52

Verses 1-4: The foolish boasting of the “mighty man” who sets himself in opposition to God.

Verses 5-7: God responds and the righteous react to the foolishness of the “mighty man.”

Verses 8-9: David contrasts his trust and faithfulness to God over the actions of the “mighty man”

John 15:4-8

- Jesus is the vine - we are the branches
- Our fruitfulness is a result of our connection to Jesus - apart from Him we can do nothing

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Psalm 52:1-9

² Your tongue plots destruction,
like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit.
³ You love evil more than good,
and lying more than speaking what is right.
⁴ You love all words that devour,
O deceitful tongue.
⁵ But God will break you down forever;
he will snatch and tear you from your tent;
he will uproot you from the land of the living.
⁶ The righteous shall see and fear,
and shall laugh at him, saying,
⁷ "See the man who would not make
God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches
and sought refuge in his own destruction!"
⁸ But I am like a green olive tree
in the house of God.
I trust in the steadfast love of God
forever and ever.
⁹ I will thank you forever,
because you have done it.
I will wait for your name, for it is good,
in the presence of the godly.

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.
⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.