

Did You Hope God Was Blindfolded?

“Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not a secret to another”, Proverbs 25:9.

At a clergy meeting a number of years ago, I heard the following. I do not know if it is true, or was just used as an illustration.

A little boy living on a property, had, what he termed, his secret hideout.

At the back of the property was an old fruit tree. It was sturdy, and had a lot of solid branches, and covered by leaves, but had not produced fruit for many years. It was just the spot for him and his friend to hide.

One day, he heard his father say to his mother, "I think I'll cut down that old fruit tree. It hasn't borne any fruit in years". His panic was life shattering.

If he told his father about the tree, he would not have a secret hideout.

In the next field was an apple tree. It always had more apples on it than leaves. So who would notice if he and his friend got a basket of apples, and tied them to the branches of their hideout?

The next morning, his father picked up his axe, and went out to the tree. His father came back to the house within minutes. With a huge smile on his face, he exclaimed to his wife, "You're not going to believe this, but a miracle took place last night. That old fruit tree. It has fruited during the night, and has a lot of fat, juicy apples on nearly all every branch."

His wife exclaimed, "That's amazing". "I know", said the father, "but the greater miracle is it's a pear tree not an apple tree".

Friend, if we are going to try and hide our secrets from God, in our most inner parts, then we must be careful with the fruits we use from our past.

Read what Paul wrote to the Galatian Church, “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting”, Galatians 6:7–8.

God does not walk about with a blindfold on, so He cannot see the evil you are committing.

You cannot pull the wool over God's Eyes, so He cannot see the fruit you are trying to cultivate.

I am not a farmer, but I can assure you that you will see what seed you have sown when it starts to grow!

Before you start sowing seeds in your life, each of us must ask ourselves the question, "What do I want to reap?"

If you only sow weeds and thistles, allow me to assure you that in eternity,

You will only reap weeds and thistles,

You will harvest a bumper crop,

You will spend eternity wishing to get rid of them in the fire.

If you sow the Spiritual Seeds of the Spirit, allow me to assure you that in eternity,

You will only reap the Fruit of the Spirit,

You will harvest a bumper crop,

You will spend eternity praising God for the harvest He has help you to bring forth.