

One More Year

(The Fig Tree)

Luke 13:6-9

Introduction:

1. Some things grow, others don't (grass growing in a concrete driveway)
2. This parable is similar to Isaiah 5
3. God loves, cares and provides for His people.
4. Because of those provisions, God has expectations of us.

I. God Anticipates Great Things From Us. v.6

- A. As individuals we are to do our best; Ecclesiastes 9:10 "...whatsoever thy hand...."
 1. Colossians 3:22-24
 2. Ephesians 4:7
- B. As a "congregation" of His people, we are to do our best.
- C. Revelation 3:8-10 "...thy works.."
- D. Isaiah 55:11 "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth.."
- E. There was great anticipation for this fig tree.

II. God Doesn't Give Up On Us. v.7,8

- A. God's goodness is demonstrated time and time again in the Bible
- B. Some would have given up on Peter off, not Jesus Luke 22:31,32
- C. We may feel at times as if we're just taking up space "cumbereth"
- D. Parents may give up, God never gives up on us.

III. God Is Not Finished With Us. v.8,9

- A. He has the power to transform us. Isaiah 64:8 "clay"
- B. Jeremiah 18:6 "clay"
- C. Acts 26:15-19 Paul recounting his conversion to Agrippa
- D. 1 Corinthians 15:9,10

Conclusion:

1. Time has a way of slipping away, the sense of urgency is essential
2. Ephesians 5:16 "...redeeming the time, because the day are evil"