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**The Danger Of Unbelief**

Matthew 12:33-42

**Key Truth:** To sit under the teachings of Jesus and refuse to repent is to live under the condemnation of God.

1. Your words can have eternal consequences.

 A. The Pharisees didn’t just have an unbelief problem, they

 had a heart issue.

 B. Their words reflected what was going on in their hearts.

 C. Our words will either justify us or condemn us.

2. Seeing doesn’t always equal believing.

 A. Jesus recognizes the Pharisees evil motives.

 B. Jesus had done enough miracles to prove that He was

 indeed, the Messiah.

 C. The ultimate sign of Jesus identity is the resurrection.

3. Righteousness is not a “DIY” job.

 A. To reject the power and presence of Jesus is to open

 yourself up to the deception and power of Satan.

 B. If Jesus is not living inside of you, then all your good

 works are worthless.

4. Not everyone is a part of the family of God.

 A. Jesus invites us by faith to become a part of His family.

 B. The will of God is to believe in the Son of God.

 C. The Kingdom of God must take priority over every human

 relationship.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for the truth of His Word and the power of Jesus’ teaching. Pray that He would convict us of what’s really in our hearts and how it’s affecting our life and relationships.

**Connection Group Homework:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Read Matthew 12:33-37: Why does the good tree produce only good fruit and the bad tree only bad fruit?

Is it ever too late for people to be changed so that their hearts produce good fruit? Why?

If change is possible, how can it take place? Have you seen this change in your own life?

Read Matthew 12:38-41: Think back through several chapters in your Bible that precede this passage. What are some miracles Jesus had performed?

Why do you think miracles like healing people, casting out demons, and calming a storm weren’t enough proof for the scribes and Pharisees?

As Christians we know that we cannot be possessed by Demons because we have the Holy Spirit living inside of us. Based on these Scriptures how can we grieve and quench the Spirit:

Ephesians 4:29-30

1 Thessalonians 5:15-22