

## Introduction

1. Sanctification produces definite results or fruits.
  - a. A tree is known by its fruit ([Mt. 7:15-20](#)).
  - b. God wants us to bear much fruit for Him to His glory ([Jn. 15:1-8](#)).
2. Sanctification results in the purging out of the old, corrupt, and worldly way of doing things ([2 Tim. 2:19-21](#)).
  - a. For the Christian there must be a departing from iniquity ([2 Tim. 2:19](#)).
  - b. For the Christian there must be a purging of the dishonorable things ([2 Tim. 2:20-21](#)).
  - c. When these actions are carried through we become meet for the master's use and prepared unto every good work ([2 Tim. 2:21](#)).

## I. Sanctification Produces Righteousness

1. The new man is formed in the likeness of God in righteousness and holiness of truth ([Eph. 4:24](#)).
  - a. What is wrong with the world? Full of sin thus lacking in righteousness ([1 Jn. 5:17, 19](#); [Pr. 14:34](#))!
  - b. Righteousness has to do with making the choices that God would make or approve of (cf. [Mt. 3:13-17](#)).
  - c. All of God's commandments are righteousness ([Ps. 119:172](#)).
2. Righteousness affects our speech for the better ([Eph. 4:25-26, 29, 31, 5:4](#)).
  - a. To produce righteous speech, we must guard our heart ([Pr. 4:23](#)).
  - b. The content of our hearts (minds) will determine the words that we say ([Lk. 6:45](#)).
  - c. The tongue is an indicator of how religious a person is ([Jm. 1:26](#); [Ps. 119:13, 46](#)).
3. What am I setting before my eyes and opening my ears to?
  - a. It must not be unrighteous or sanctification will not take place ([Ps. 101:3, 119:37](#); [Job 31:1](#); [1 Th. 5:22](#); [Eph. 4:27](#)).
  - b. Our eyes and ears must be open (receptive) to God's Word ([Ps. 119:11, 18, 105](#); [Rev. 2:7](#)).
4. Righteousness will see to it that we choose our words carefully.

- a. There is great wisdom in this ([Pr. 10:19](#) with [Jm. 1:19-20](#); [Pr. 15:23](#), [25:11](#), [29:11](#)).

## **Conclusion**

1. Sanctification will produce righteousness in an individual.
  - a. This will see to it that they make the decisions God would make.
2. The focus thus far has been particularly on cleaning up and controlling the contents of the heart and the outpouring of it via words.
3. Tonight, we will examine another fruit of sanctification in holiness and look more at our behavior.