



Compare the Bramble with a Fruitful Vine

A good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush (Luke 6:43-44).

Compare a vine with thorns with another vine that has good fruit and no thorns, such as a grape vine.

Procedure

1. Go on a nature walk and look for a vine with thorns prickly vine.
2. Now find a vine (such as a grapevine) and compare it with a vine that is without thorns and bears edible fruit.

(Note: You may need to gather vines that you can display when comparing them but try not to let them dry out.)

3. Read the quotation above and discuss its meaning.
 - a. Why can't a bad tree or bad person bear good fruit?
 - b. Such a person can act in ways that benefit other people, but unless he looks to the Lord it is not genuine or good fruit.

(Note: While there are brambles such as raspberries that give edible fruit, this kind of bramble does not seem to be what is meant here.)