

Identifying Seeds and Fruit

There is more than one reason why seeds come in a package. Not only are they small and a challenge to hold on to, but most modern backyard gardeners can only recognize a few seeds for what they really are; thus, the package gives identity. Many seeds have distinct differences that aid in knowing their kind, but there are seeds that look very similar and yet bear different fruit. The similarities can fool the undiscerning eye, the unlearned, and the unskilled.

If we went to a seed store and the owner placed multiple seeds on the counter without any labels, we may be surprised how many we could correctly identify and even more surprised how many we would get incorrect! Yet, just about everybody knows an apple from a pear, a watermelon from a squash, and cabbage from cauliflower. While many would have trouble distinguishing the variety of seeds, they would have no problem identifying the fruit.

The greatest challenge of discerning whether something is good or bad most often is in the initial stages. Inexperience, immaturity, not having been taught, or not giving serious attention to one who does know have caused many to buy into seeds of thought and ideas that have proven to have pitiful and even perilous potential.

Ultimately, time will reveal the conclusion of the matter. But we don't always have the time to allow things to grow to fruition, so we can then draw good and godly conclusions. Nor should we give everything time to grow. Many seeds should never be planted in our hearts and minds. We need knowledge of the holy and true.

God has given us Elders that can help us if we will listen. Age, experience, wisdom, and a proven walk with God should have a voice in our lives. Saints do not always see why the Pastor may label certain things the way he does, but they will do themselves a favor by heeding the warnings and listening to his wisdom and oversight.

2 Timothy 2:15 - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

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