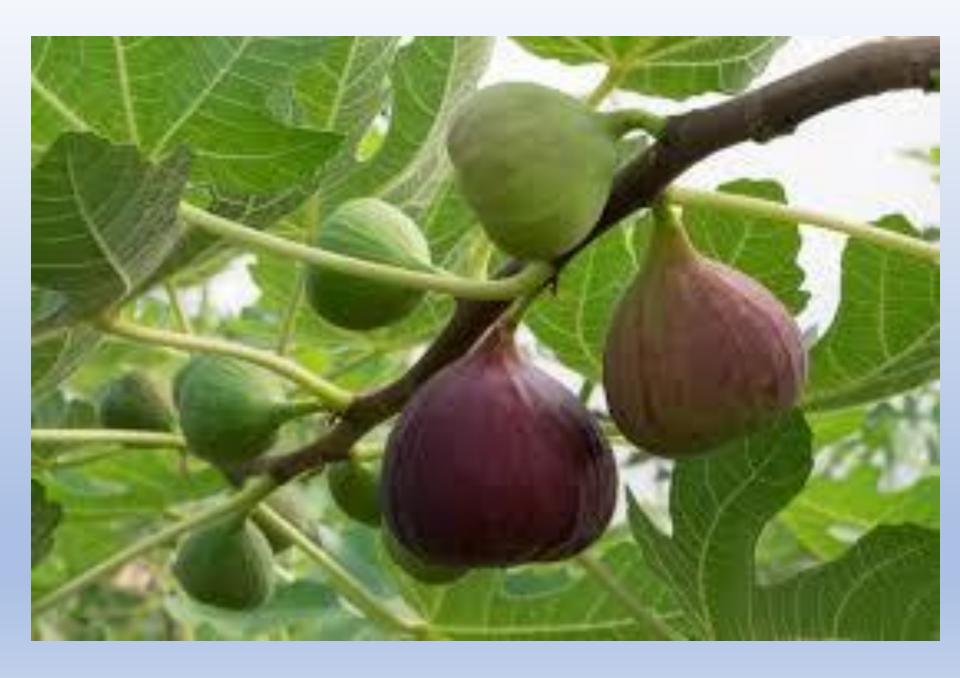


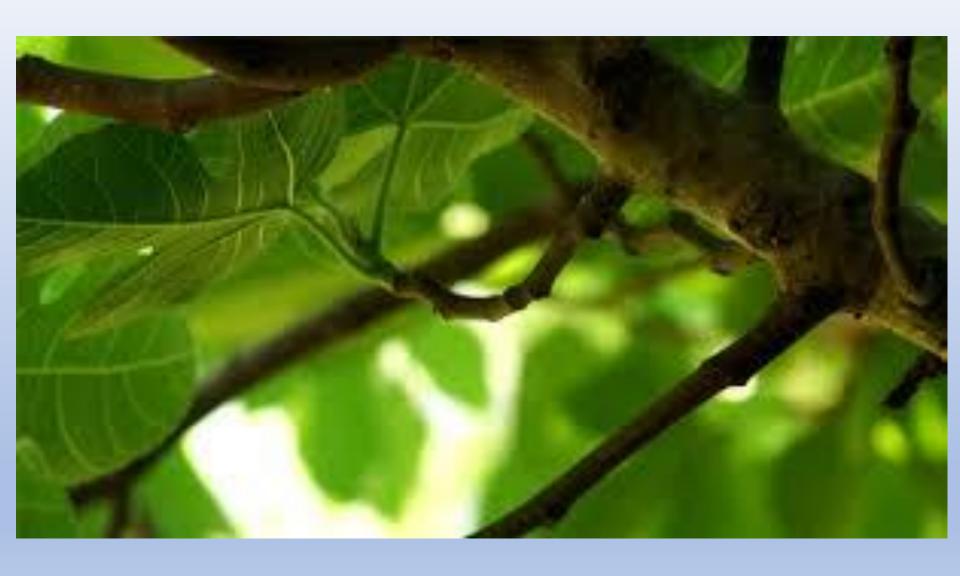
This tree was planted to give fruit.

What it offered did not make up for what it did not offer!









His **SEED** + His **GROUND** = His **PURPOSE**

Whatever you have is given to you by God.

Whatever you have is given to you to be used.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to us. If a man's gift is prophesying, LET HIM USE IT in proportion to his faith ... (Romans 12:6)

There are different kinds of gifts ... service ... working. Now to each person the spiritual gift is given FOR THE GOOD OF THE WHOLE BODY. (I Corinthians 12:7)

He gave some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists ... to prepare God's people for WORKS OF SERVICE so that the BODY OF CHRIST might be built up. (Ephesians 4:12)

Each of you must USE WHATEVER GIFT HE HAS RECEIVED to serve others and administer God's grace in its various forms. (I Peter 4:10)

But the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and UNDERSTANDS it. He PRODUCES FRUIT, yielding a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown.

(Matthew 13:23)

If you do not use your talents (bear fruit) there is something which you do not understand.

The Lord put the fig tree in the soil and supplied sunshine and water. But he did not put <u>figs</u> on the <u>tree</u>. He <u>expected</u> the <u>tree</u> to do that!

Types of Talents

- <u>leading</u> initiating / inspiring
- <u>creating</u> conceiving ideas
- <u>organizing</u> converting ideas into possibilities
- maintaining making things work
- <u>relating</u> perceiving people rather than ideas

Would God (who gave me talents) be insulted by how little I use them for his service or kingdom?

