

Short Stories
Part 2: “Organic Manure”
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Value is the regard that something is held to deserve—the importance, worth, or usefulness of something.

The value you have for something determines your actions towards it.

The value you place on people will determine your actions towards them.

Faithfulness cultivates fruitfulness.

Luke 13:6-9

Then Jesus told this story: “A man planted a fig tree in his garden and came again and again to see if there was any fruit on it, but he was always disappointed. Finally, he said to his gardener, ‘I’ve waited three years, and there hasn’t been a single fig! Cut it down. It’s just taking up space in the garden.’ “The gardener answered, ‘Sir, give it one more chance. Leave it another year, and I’ll give it special attention and plenty of fertilizer. If we get figs next year, fine. If not, then you can cut it down.’ ”

2 Peter 3:8-9

But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

Repentance is a change of heart and a change of direction.

_____ is the best person to be faithful to the fig trees in their life.

Surveys show that one in three people would come to church if asked by a friend.

This week:

- Value the fig trees in your life
- Dig out distractions
- Generously pour onto others