

**“As God’s people pray to be
fruitful in the day of judgment!”**

Matthew 12:36 But I say unto you, that every “IDLE”, <ARGOS/ Strong’s 692>, word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

The Greek word, ARGOS, in, Matthew 12:36, [when compared with, 2 Peter 1:5-8, we read next], provides a subtle warning of a potential unfruitful gospel that demonstrates no diligence, no faith, no virtue, no knowledge, no temperance, no patience, no godliness, no brotherly kindness – all of which originates from the Love of God – not from the love of man (1 John 4:19).

2 Peter 1: ¶ 5-8 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither “BE BARREN”, <ARGOS/ Strong’s 692>, “nor unfruitful” in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know it is not according to our own knowledge that we are fruitful in the gospel of Christ (1 Corinthians 4:4). Neither in our posts of Jesus will we prove not to be barren (Psalm 14:1-3). But it is, **“in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ!”** It is in His virtue, [righteousness], and knowledge we add to our faith as His Spirit gives it to us to do, ‘according to the scriptures, according to the scriptures’, that we might be fruitful; (Genesis 1:28; Colossians 1:10; Ephesians 2:8-10). Not by our own understanding; but as the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual (1 Corinthians 2:13).

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

In, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, God uses the phrase, ‘according to the scriptures’, twice, establishing how His people, [the Apostle Paul], faithfully witness the gospel of His Son Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:21). They recall God’s purpose in establishing a matter twice; ‘according to the scriptures, according to the scriptures’, (Genesis 41:32)! They are watchful if they are not rightly dividing God’s word in the conclusions they profess as coming from God! **“That they be not idle as those who are barren; as God’s people pray to be fruitful in the day of judgment!”** So, they study to show themselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, [in the day of judgment]; rightly dividing the word of truth – not speaking their own words, (Isaiah 58:13).

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.