

THE BIG OAK TREE

The big oak tree had stood at the edge of the narrow road for many years. Like any other tree, its foliage gave a cool shade in the hot summer and shed its leaves in the winter. We passed by it on our way to church every Sunday. Last month on our way home from church we were shocked to see the beautiful big oak tree laying on the ground, broken off at its base. I stopped the car to see if someone had hit it with their vehicle. What I saw was shocking. The big oak tree had stood all these years with only an outer shell, the inner core had been eaten away with black rotten decay.

We must guard against the Pharisaic condition of the big oak tree with its wide display of leaves, but rotten at the core. It is not how much you do for God and your fellowman outwardly that matters, but what you are inwardly. Attend the church of your choice, feed your heart with God's Word and fellowship with others in The Daily Walk.

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