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A very famous man once said to judge a tree, consider the fruit. If the fruit is good, the tree is wholesome. But if the fruit is bad, the tree is bad. The intended purpose of an operation is revealed by the actual result.

Some accuse the Oregon government of seeking enrichment from higher taxes. If that were true, the government would not be wasting money on foolish projects and \$15 billion in debt.

What have taxes produced for business in Oregon? Multiple businesses are driven into the ground and others are leaving Oregon to escape the taxes. Right next door in the ruin of California, anyone can see the result of high taxes and fees, and that is the same road now followed by Oregon.

The actual result of taxes is ruin of the economy and impoverishment of the people. Following the wisdom of Jesus, impoverishment of the people must be understood to be the actual purpose of Oregon's higher taxes.

I will not speculate on why our government actively seeks public destitution. But the results are the results. And as Jesus warns us, we must not ignore the results.