

TITLE	Are you Fruitful?
THEME:	Maturity, Fruitfulness, Growth, Transformation
TEXT:	Matthew 21:18-19: Matthew 7:17-27, et al.
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Matthew 21:18-19 NLT –

Are you _____?

- With the fig tree in mind, do you appear to be fruitful but have no fruit?
- Are you going through the motions in church? Or in your life? Is everything just routine for you?
- When you gather here on Sunday, is it an outflow of what's going on the rest of the week or is this the only Jesus time you have?
- Do you come because of what others might say if you didn't?
- Do you come because it's what you do as a Christian?
- Do you spend time with the Lord because of what others might say if you didn't?
- Does everything you do go back to the first beatitude, where you realize your need of Him and pursue him because you're in love with Jesus and desire to know the Father?

Matthew 5:3 NLT –

Matthew 7:17-20 NLT –

Matthew 7:21-23 NLT –

Matthew 7:24-27 NLT –

Why would we _____ what He is saying?

- Maybe we don't actually have an intimate life-giving relationship with Jesus?
- Maybe we just don't care? We're apathetic or indifferent to the way things are in our lives? _____: lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern. _____: lack of interest, concern, or sympathy. Unimportance
- Maybe we've read the hard sayings in the Word and don't care to obey them because they will cost us something?
- Maybe we're so full of Scriptural knowledge that we've forgotten to put into practice what we already know?

- Maybe we've made peace with the dry bones in our lives as if it's a normal fact of life?

Colossians 1:9-10 NLT –

John 15:16 NLT –

The way we live should always honour and please the Lord

How do we _____ and _____ the Lord?

- **By being _____ and _____ him better**

John 15:5, 8 NLT –

Romans 12:1-2 NLT –

What is Fruit?

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT –

Colossians 3:12-14 NLT –

Colossians 3:1-3 NLT –

Colossians 3:5-9 NLT –

Put to death: to deprive of force and vigor.

Colossians 3:10 NLT –

- Do you read scripture every day?
- Do you take time to pray...not just rattle a list off, but to listen and learn from the Lord?
- Do you actually take time to meditate on what you've read and ask the Lord to teach you and shape you through what you're reading?
- Do you seek the Lord and surrender the things that he asks you to from his word? Or as the Spirit leads?

"If our purpose is to bear fruit, and we desire to bear fruit but we're not willing to remain in the Lord and learn to know Him better and better, then can we expect different outcomes?"