

The Curse of a Wasted Life

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Mark 11.

B. The triumphal entry is sandwiched between the cleansing of the Temple and the cursing of the fig tree.

1. Jesus was teaching that Israel was cursed and that the gospel was going to the Gentiles. (Luke 13)

2. Leaves are to advertise fruit. The fig tree missed the wonderful opportunity of satisfying the hunger of the Son of God. This was exactly the sin of Israel.

II. Fruit is the breaking through of the inner life of God. It is...

A. Winning others to Christ. (Romans 1:13)

B. Holiness. (Romans 6:23)

C. Good works. (Colossians 1:10)

D. Giving. (Romans 15)

E. Praise. (Hebrews 13:15)

III. The purpose for life is to bear fruit for God. (John 15, Revelation 4:11)

IV. No fruit—bad root.

V. How to bear fruit.

A. One must be planted by God to bear fruit. We must be converted and indwelt by the Spirit. (John 15)

B. One must be nourished by God connected to his resources. (Jeremiah 17)

Application questions:

1. What does bearing fruit look like?

2. What can you do to increase the fruit of your life?

3. How can one connect to the “root system” of God?
