

LESSON 43

Topic: Bearing Fruits at Old Age.

Text: Psalm 92:12-14; Deuteronomy 33:25; Joshua 13:1.

Aim: To encourage and inspire brethren to stay active, engaged, and committed to their values and faith as they age.

Introduction: Fruit-bearing is both physical and spiritual. Everyone who sows a seed expects their crop to produce some fruits at maturity or harvest time. In the same way, our Creator expects us to continue to bear fruits. Old age should not diminish our ability to be fruitful and impactful. Bearing fruits at old age we mean producing tangible fruits for the purpose of commerce or consumption and the development of characteristics that are pleasing to God. However, with experience and continued connection to God, we should continue to grow in grace and contribute to the expansion of the Kingdom. In this study, we shall be looking primarily at the nature and types of fruits, as well as God's expectations of His children as they grow old.

Discussion Questions:

1. With practical examples, discuss the types of fruits expected from our elderly brethren? Psalm 92:12 - 14
2. Why is it necessary to continue to bear fruit as one advances in age? 2 Cor.12:14; Matt. 25:29; Prov. 13:22; John 15:8 - 9; 1 Tim. 5:17; (Hebr.10:25).
3. What are the things that can aid one to continue to bear fruits at old age? Discuss. John 15:4; Eccl. 11:1 - 6;
4. What are the consequences of not bearing fruit as one grows older? Matt.21:43; 25:28 - 30; Lk. 13:6-7; Hebr.10:38.

Conclusions: In order to find fulfilment as we grow older, we have to be strongly connected to God. We are expected to be Spirit-filled, manifesting an advanced measure of the fruit of the Spirit. In this way, we will be bearing fruits that help us make good decisions so that we will be pure, blameless and righteous. Failure to bear fruit as we age can lead to stagnation, divine judgement.

Memory Verse: Psalm 92:12-14 NLT, "But the godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon. For they are transplanted to the LORD's own house. They flourish in the courts of our God. Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green".