

### **YPG III**

Theme: Discipleship

Text: Luke 8: 4 – 15

Title: "Bearing fruit"

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#### **SEEKING FRUITFULNESS IN LIFE**

1. Because it glorifies God the Father (John 15: 8)
2. Because it shows that we are abiding in Christ (John 15: 5)
3. So that we may fulfil the purpose for which we have been chosen and appointed (John 15: 16)

#### **ONE KEY ASPECT THAT LEADS TO FRUITFULNESS: THE WORD OF GOD**

1. Mentioned by the Lord Jesus in John 15 (John 15: 7)
2. Singled out by Him in the context of his teaching ministry in Luke 8
3. Why singled out?
  - a. Because this is where many fail
  - b. Few are able to speak of keeping God's Word till fruitfulness is seen

#### **PROBLEMS THAT RESULT IN UNFRUITFULNESS**

1. The Word of God is not given enough attention
  - a. The Word of God is likened to a seed (Luke 8: 11)  
A seed contains all the potential for fruitfulness
  - b. But it is set aside (falls by the wayside)
  - c. The devil's involvement (Luke 8: 12)
    - i. He comes
    - ii. He takes away the Word out of their heart
2. The heart is not right
  - a. Superficial heart (Luke 8: 13)
    - i. Initial joy
    - ii. No roots
  - b. Worldly heart (Luke 8: 14)
    - i. Worldly cares grow side by side with the Word of God
    - ii. Ultimately, these worldly cares choke the Word of God
    - iii. No fruit is brought to maturity

## **THE CHALLENGE TO SEEK FRUITFULNESS**

1. Seek the Lord for a noble and good heart (Luke 8: 15)
2. Determined to keep the Word of God (Luke 8: 15)
  - a. Keep

Cf. Psalm 119: 33 – 40

    - i. To have it
    - ii. To hold on to it
  - b. With patience (perseverance)