



God's Will for Your Life Is— Fruitfulness, John 15
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Intro—We're in week 3 of a 5-week series titled, God's Will for Your Life Is—

I. How Fresh is Our Fruit—

Fruit defined: anything produced; product, result, or effect; the fruits of one's labors.

- Matthew 7:16-20

God's will for your life is fruitfulness, but fruitfulness of a particular kind....

II. Fruit From the Vine— John 15

III. Fruit Production—

Fruit trees don't "try" to produce fruit....

Abide= stay, remain. Abide, 10X in John 15:1-17

IV. The Best Fruit:

- Answered prayer— John 15:7, 16
- Love— John 15:12
- Evangelism—
- Character of Christ— Galatians 5:22-23
- Worship— Hebrews 13:15
- Words— Proverbs 12:14
- Repentance— Luke 3:8

V. Where's The Fruit?

- Are you a Christian? Isaiah 5
- Are you abiding?
 - Bible
 - Prayer
 - Fellowship w/ other believers
 - Worship
- Other Priorities—
 - Abiding Elsewhere—
 - Cares—Luke 8:14-15
 - Saving our lives—John 12:24
 - Worldly wisdom—James 3:18

Close: Psalm 1 a model for abiding

“He is also very jealous of our company. There should be no one with whom we converse so much as with Jesus. To abide in him only, this is true love; but to commune with the world, to find sufficient solace in our carnal comforts, to prefer even the society of our fellow Christians to secret intercourse with him, this is grievous to our jealous Lord. He would fain have us abide in him, and enjoy constant fellowship with himself; and many of the trials which he sends us are for the purpose of weaning our hearts from the creature, and fixing them more closely upon himself.” CH Spurgeon