

Song of Solomon 4:16

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As a Christian, our lives exist primarily for God, and our purpose is to produce fruit that brings Him joy and pleasure.

Scripture: John 15:1

Topics: "God's Purpose", "Spiritual Growth"

Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes that as Christians, our lives are like 'God's garden,' cultivated for the purpose of bearing fruit. He illustrates how God prepares our lives, nurtures us, and anticipates the beauty of our blossoming faith, which ultimately leads to the fruit of our labor. Smith warns against the disappointment of a fruitless life, urging believers to prioritize God above all else to experience fulfillment and joy. He encourages us to invite God into our lives, allowing Him to enjoy the fruits of our spiritual growth and fostering a deep communion with Him.

Transcript

"HIS GARDEN"

I. AS A CHRISTIAN, MY LIFE IS "GOD'S GARDEN."

A. His work within my life has one general purpose - fruit.

1. God first broke the soil to prepare it for the seed.

2. He watched the developing plant.

a. Cultivating, weeding.

b. Watering.

3. Blossom time is always beautiful.

a. Beautiful to see young Christians begin to

blossom in His love.

b. Purpose not yet fulfilled.

c. Blossoms presage the fruit.

4. The fruit itself takes time to develop and ripen.

a. Days of interest and anticipation.

b. Cheryl and my walks through garden.

5. What glorious days when you can come into the garden and eat its fruits.

a. Days of fulfilled purpose.

b. Days of reward as you partake of the fruit of your labor.

B. How disappointing when a fruit tree does not bear fruit.

1. It cannot abide.

a. Jesus and fig tree.

b. "Every branch that bears not fruit He takes away."

II. "LET MY BELOVED COME INTO HIS GARDEN AND EAT HIS PLEASANT FRUITS."

A. Our lives exist primarily for God. "His garden."

1. The fruit of our lives for His enjoyment.

2. "The husbandman must first be partaker."

a. "My Father is the Husbandman."

3. Try to alter this fact and you are destined to disappointment and emptiness.

a. If you put yourself first.

1. Life totally wasted.

b. Put others first (superior).

1. You will become disappointed.

2. Some who will take and take till you have no more to give, then curse

you for not giving more.

a. Why the proverb, "don't bite

the hand that is feeding you."

c. Put God first. Full, rich, rewarding.

1. What is done for others done in His

name. He will reward you.

B. How beautiful when God can come into the garden of your life

to eat His pleasant fruits.

1. When you can share in that rich fellowship and

communion of love.

a. Oh, what joys, how full the peace.

b. What bliss, glory.

2. Have you invited your beloved into His garden lately?

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