

Four Sermons ANYONE Can Preach 8-9-15AM

In the New Testament we are repeatedly told that we are expected to bear fruit to please God.

Matthew 7:19 - *"Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.*

Luke 6:43 - *"For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.*

John 15:2 - *"Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.*

What does "bearing fruit" mean? Perhaps we might consider what a tree is doing when it bears fruit; it is reproducing itself. We are reproducing ourselves through personal evangelism. Perhaps we might consider other language in the New Testament on fruit, such as the Fruit of the Spirit. Maybe it is something more basic, such as reproducing the Word of God through our actions. All of these thoughts revolve around the idea of letting our light shine; the main thought here is that we must have some means of bearing fruit. Our question is this: how do we go about producing fruit?

Perhaps we might consider how we can communicate the Gospel. We are not all equipped the same according to I Corinthians 12:4-15. But we are all expected to be teachers at some point (Hebrews 5:12), that is, to be able to pass along the importance of the Gospel. We might be tempted to believe we are not able, but we can all be teachers/preachers. Let us consider four simple sermons that are profoundly important that ANYONE can preach.

1. The Sermon of Where You Are: Our place at the assembly is important and necessary (Hebrews 10:24-25, I Corinthians 11:20-33). When you make it a point to assemble regularly with the Saints, and ignore the things that might dissuade your attendance, people WITNESS your presence/absence. You are preaching a sermon called PRIORTIES, and it is a profound thing for them to witness.

2. The Sermon of What You Say: Our words are very important; Scriptures say that they are a great deal of what we will be judged by (Matthew 12:36-37). Christians are supposed to speak differently than those in the world (Colossians 3:8), and it is easy to determine by our speech how seriously we take Christ. People OBSERVE your language; you are preaching a sermon called GODLINESS when your speech is measured with Grace and is devoid of the trash talk of our time.

3. The Sermon of What You Won't Do: Our abstinence from sin is important (James 1:27, I Thessalonians 4:3). We are supposed to conduct ourselves separate from the world. People SEE what you won't do when you refuse to walk in the way of the world. In abstinence you are preaching a sermon called SANCTIFICATION.

4. The Sermon of How You Work: Part of the Christian life includes admonition to do our daily work "mightily, as though for the Lord" Himself (Colossians 3:22-23, Ephesians 6:5-7). People EXPERIENCE your actions in the way you do your work; you are preaching a sermon called DEVOTION.

There are other sermons we preach in our actions (mercy, forgiveness, charity, prayer, etc). By being the living sermon you prove the word to be true (Romans 12:2, Philippians 2:15).