

## Sermon Notes

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Sermon Series: Life to the Max

Title: Fruitful Living

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

- One of the very clear characteristics or traits of living life to the max is a life that has a positive spiritual impact on the lives of people around us.
- Are we sharing with others the blessings of the abundant life we have received?
- The abundance of life that we receive from abiding in Jesus equips us with the spiritual resources that we share with others for their spiritual benefit.
- How many followers of Jesus are daily receiving from Jesus the abundance of life so they can pass it on to others who desperately need life and abundant life?
- Fruitfulness will be in the inevitable outcome of an interior spiritual life with Jesus.
- The question is then what is entailed in fruit bearing?
  - ◇ It's multiplying spiritual life to spiritually dead people through gospel witness.
  - ◇ It's seeing the abundant life I possess in Jesus Christ reproduced in the life of another person.
  - ◇ It's developing people who are spiritually alive but need to grow in their spiritual life from the spiritual life we are receiving from Jesus.  
(Discipleship) Teaching, Encouragement, Accountability.
  - ◇ It's demonstrating the fruit of God's Spirit in our relationships with people. It's the spiritual life I receive from Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit that is able to transform and build relationships as it is expressed.
  - ◇ It's reproducing life and pointing and encouraging others to establish or strengthen their personal connection with Jesus Christ as the source of their life and life to the max.