



Christian Resources for Your Journey

## Bearing Fruit in Old Age Devotion for December 2011

*“They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, ‘The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.’” Psalm 92:14-15*

As the righteous age, the psalmist says they will still bear fruit. I think that not only do they still bear fruit; the fruit is even better than it was when they were younger. When folks mature in the Lord as they grow older in years, their spirituality increases. This causes for more and sweeter spiritual fruit, such as patience, love, and joy.

Since all of us are growing older in age, and hopefully also growing more mature spiritually, we can all relate to this. As we grow, we become more sensitive to others, wiser, and more generous. We are less focused on self and more on those around us, less on material things and more on spiritual things.

This is so because the Lord is our Rock, and our only foundation. We could call ourselves believers and even go to church and read the Bible but if our foundation of life is not God, there is no way we can be called righteous – and folks whose foundation is not in God don’t bear any kind of fruit. To bear fruit means we are life-giving, able to share in abundance even in old age.

But to live with ‘self’ as the foundation of life instead of the Lord, means that the person bears no spiritual fruit, due to this egotistical focus. By sharing we spread joy and love, and by bearing fruit we can recognize and receive the spiritual gifts of others. But if a person hoards what he or she has, the person is left with nothing, like a withered tree without any leaves, much less an apple or two.

The righteous know this and are joyful in it. Let’s celebrate the bounty of the righteous within our community who continue to bear fruit regardless of the number of their earthly years!

*Lord, we realize as we get older how precious your love is and thank you that you keep us green, healthy, and productive of spiritual fruit. Thank you for the folks of all ages in our lives who are committed to you as their foundation. Amen.*