



I. REVIEW/INTRO

A. New year, new you?

Isaiah 37:31 (NKJV) And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

John 15:8 (NLT) “When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.”

B. We want results, but impatient in the process

Psalms 92:12-14 (NKJV) The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,

C. Fresh oil

Psalms 92:10 (NKJV) But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil.

- Oil represents the **Holy Spirit**—His presence, His power, His empowerment
- Fruit doesn't come from trying harder, but staying in His presence

D. We don't need new, we need fresh

- New is often external
- Fresh is internal
- Fruit isn't the goal, fruit is the result. When we stay connected to God, fruit will follow

II. FRUITFUL

A. Lasting fruit

John 15:16 (NLT) You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.

B. Fruit is something God produces when conditions are right

John 15:4–5 (NLT) “Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit.”

- The Holy Spirit produces the fruit, but we create the environment

C. Fruit is internal and external



- Internal fruit is: “Who” you are becoming

Galatians 5:22–23a (NLT) “But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”

- When pressure shows up, fruit gets revealed
- D. Fruit is meant to be shared
- External Fruit is: What God does “through” you
 - Fruit has within itself the ability to create its own future

III. A FRUITFUL LIFE EQUALS A FRUITFUL CHURCH

- A. You are the church
- This is where individual obedience creates corporate impact
- B. Five Stones is a framework for fruitfulness
- Five stones helps us to put handles on what God is calling us to become—so we don’t just talk about impact, we actually walk it out

Psalms 145:4 (NKJV) One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.

- Five Stones is how we turn “fruit” into “fruit that remains”
- C. From private faith to public fruit
- **Fruitfulness:** The outward, visible evidence of inward, private faithfulness