

- I. *Produce* - they will *bear*
fruit in *old* *age*
- Ecc 12:1-5a; Ps 92:12-15;
Ps 11:7; Gen 15:4-6;
Rom 4:18-25; Ps 37:21;
Prov 12:10, 26; 13:5;
Prov 15:28; 21:25-26;
Prov 29:7; Isa 3:10;
Isa 58:6-11; II Cor 9:9-10
- A. The *God-touched* life stays *fresh*
- II Kings 5:13-14;
II Cor 4:16-18; Rom 4:19;
Gen 17:15-17; 21:1-3;
Numbers 17:1-8; Rom 8:11
- B. *God-generated* fruit comes in many
flavors
- Rom 7:4; Col 1:10;
John 15:8; Gal 5:22-23;
Heb 13:15; Rom 1:13;
Prov 11:30; Titus 2:1-4
- II. *Pull* - they will *influence*
generations
- A. God *remembers* the *righteous* and
blesses their *descendants*
- Ps 37:25-26; 102:28;
Ps 103:17; 112:1-2;
Prov 14:26; 20:7;
Gen 26:24; Ex 2:24; 6:8;
Luke 1:54-55; Gal 3:6-9,29
- B. The *righteous* mark a
path for others to *follow*
- Jer 35:1-13, 18-19;
John 17:19
- III. *Place* - they have another *city*
- Heb 11:11-16; 13:14
- A. Their “*people*” are there
- Matt 22:31-32
- B. In that *place* they *reign*
- Luke 16:19-31;
Matt 25:21; II Tim 4:7-8

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2. Read Ecclesiastes 12:1-5. Can you interpret some of the symbolism in clearer language?
3. Have you personally known someone who was an illustration of “old in age but still bearing fruit”? What kind of fruit? What made them that way?
4. “A God-touched life stays fresh.” What does that look like? What would the opposite look like? What happens as people age if God doesn’t touch them? (e.g. attitudes, words, values, hope, etc.)
5. What blessings are there in your life because of those who went before you (God has blessed you because of their faithfulness)? What negative things did you “inherit” from those who preceded you?
6. Has someone you know “blazed a spiritual trail” that it would be good for you to follow? If so, can you share about it?
7. Abraham’s death is called being “gathered to his people.” What does that mean?
8. God’s word records one more incident from the “life” of Abraham. Read Luke 16:19-31 and share some truths that you find concerning Abraham and his destiny. What other principles can you find from what Jesus told in these verses?
9. What kind of spiritual path are you leaving for those who follow? Who might follow your path?

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