

9/10/2023 - Speaker: Al Schaap

Series: UNCOMMON – Pursuing God’s Design for Your Life

Scripture: Psalm 92 (p. 590)

Message 5: Aging Into Palm-Tree Christians!

- At what level should we live life when we are seniors?
- And, at whatever is our current age, how shall we live from right now to help us get to that level of living when we get older?

12 The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;

13 planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green,

15 proclaiming, “The LORD is upright; He is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in Him.”

(Psalm 92:12-15)

Life-focusing Truth for Seniors in God’s Family: As we age, we can become Spiritual _____ or Spiritual _____! 😊

★ The Date Palm’s HEART: it _____
_____.

The Date Palm’s ROOTS:

- Growing _____ enough to get to (sometimes scarce) water.

- Growing _____ enough with other palms to stay stable

★ The Date Palm’s FRUIT: The _____, the _____!

- Is my life UNcommon...and more so as I age?
- Is God using me to help those around me – or even across the world?
- Am I providing resources of one kind or another – encouragement, wisdom, financial help, prayer support, hospitality – to those God sends my way?
- If not, why not? And, if not, how could I let God change me...using all the experiences and wisdom and resources He’s been building into my life?
- Am I building my life NOW in such ways that I can be GREAT as an older person?

1. Who do I want to be?
2. Can I see what God wants me to be?
3. What steps will I take to get there, starting now?

Remember: Faithful young people grow into Fruitful old people!

★ These palms are “planted in the house of The LORD”, “flourishing in the courts of our God! Godly Seniors _____!”

Key: palms, prunes; grows out from its center; deep, wide; more mature, better the fruit; live close to God

Special acknowledgment to Ernie Arnold for his message “Palm Tree Christians”