Matthew 7:13-29 • Testing for True Righteousness

1. (v.13-14) True righteousness is exemplified by **self-denial**.
2. (v.15-23) True righteousness is proven by its **fruits**.
   1. Spiritual fruit equates to the qualities outlined in the **betaitutdes** (Mt. 5)
   2. The “*fruit of* ***the spirit***”. (Gal. 5:22-23)
   3. The fruit of **the lips**. (Heb. 13:15)
   4. The fruit of **holy living**. (Rom. 6:22)
   5. The fruit of **good works**. (Col. 1:10)
   6. The fruit of **lost souls won**. (Rom. 1:13)
3. (v.24-29) True righteousness is the result of not merely **listening** to the Word, but **doing** the Word.

Overall Application: True righteousness passes spiritual tests…

* The test of **self-denial**.
* The test of **spiritual fruit**.
* The test of **obedience**.