

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.
 - a. Spiritual fruit equates to the qualities outlined in the beatitudes (Mt. 5)
 - b. The “fruit of the spirit”. (Gal. 5:22-23)
 - c. The fruit of the lips. (Heb. 13:15)
 - d. The fruit of holy living. (Rom. 6:22)
 - e. The fruit of good works. (Col. 1:10)
 - f. 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.