

Bear Fruit!

Psalm 1 : 1 - 3

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Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which **yields its fruit in season** and whose leaf does not wither - what they do prospers.

Psalm 1 : 2 - 3 (MSG)

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Parable of the Fig Tree

Luke 13 : 6 - 8

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

Mark 11 : 12 - 14

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- 2. It is evidence of our discipleship.**

“He cuts off (*airō*) every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.”

– John 15 : 2 –

“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

– John 15 : 8 –

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- 2. It is evidence of our discipleship.**
- 3. To live a victorious Christian life.**

Foundations for Fruit-bearing

1. Abide in Christ.

“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.””

– John 15 : 4 & 5 –

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- 3. Be intentional.**

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“And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”

– Matthew 22 : 39 –

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.”

– Romans 12 : 6 - 8 –

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- 1. Winning souls to Christ.**
- 2. Sharing with those in need.**
- 3. Bringing Christ-like character into situations.**

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

– Galatians 5 : 22 & 23a –

The Woman Caught in Adultery

John 8 : 1 - 11

“Fruit is not something you produce to earn salvation, which is a gift you receive through faith in Jesus Christ. Rather, fruit is something that you do as a Christian to meet a need and bring glory to God.”

– Bruce Wilkinson –

“We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...”

– Colossians 1 : 9b & 10 –