

The 7th Hand | Part 4 | Abide

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TODAY: The 7th Hand - Abide

The 7th Hand - 1 point - two functions

- Touch on some things we haven't yet
- Land this series practically

We need His Hand - The 7th hand

Baptism/Indwelling Holy Spirit

Hear His Voice

Q: How do we consistently live THERE?

ILL. Peach Farming

- 2-4 years - Peach
- 5-7 Sweet Cherry
- 8-10 years - Black Walnut
- Juniper Berry - 18 months after pollination (two human babies)
- Fruit must have a source
- Fruit must remain connected

- **Fruit takes time**

John 15:1-5

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off 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. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 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."

ABIDE - connection & time

- Remain connected
- Drawing from source
- Time

What comes out of us when we ABIDE?

- Fruits & Gifts

FRUIT & GIFTS (Flyover)

FRUIT

Galatians 5:19-23

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, (patience) kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

These 9 Fruits are the Personality of God!

- Kids look like parents

- The Apple doesn't fall far from the Tree!

A. The 1st 3 are "Countenance" Fruit!

1) Love - Unconditional Love.

- God's desire is that you & I carry ourselves with Love more & more!

John 13:35 "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." - Jesus said...

2) Joy - This is an Internal thing, not an External thing!!!

- Happiness is based on External Circumstances...
- Not happy about Losing an Hour of Sleep!
- Bad Report at the Dr.
- Passed Over for Promotion
- Joy is based on Knowing "Who's we are!!!"
- I'm a S/D of God!!!

3) Peace - No Matter what we face, we can remain Steady in the Storm!

- Fearing nothing that may come from this world or from God.
- We are not Promised a Perfect Life, but we are supposed to Taste Like, "Peace" no matter what we face!!!

B. The next 3 are "Conduct" Fruit.

4) Patience - To tolerate delay.

- Other Translations: "Forbearance" "Longsuffering"
- How we act while we are waiting
- TSA LINE

5) Kindness - How God acts toward Mankind.

- We should treat others how God has treated us.
- Not Rude, or short w/ people. - Not angry - Not arrogant.
- THINK OF THE KINDEST PERSON YOU KNOW / RUDEST???
- Which is more attractive to you???

6) Goodness - What's on the outside is also what's on the inside.

- There's "Good" = Righteous & Good = "Kind."
- This speaks to the "Kind" side of "Good."
- This word does not appear in ANY Secular writings of the time!

C. The final 3 speak to "Character" fruit

7) Faithfulness - The character of one who can be relied upon.

Greek: Literally - Guarantee!

8) Gentleness - Power under Control. (Meekness)

- I submit to you.
- HORSE & BRIDLE ILL.

9) Self-Control - One who masters his passions and desires.

- We submit them to God.

Galatians 5:25

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

GIFTS (Enablements/Capacities - In Step as HE IS MOVING)

- **ILL. We wear a coat = "the coat is animated by what's in it"**
 - The coat picks up enablements/capacities as it stays on us

Romans 12:6-8

1. Prophecy
2. Serving
3. Teaching
4. Exhortation
5. Giving
6. Leadership
7. Mercy

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

1. Words of Wisdom
2. Word of Knowledge
3. Faith
4. Gifts of healings
5. Miracles
6. Prophecy
7. Distinguishing between spirits
8. Tongues

9. Interpretation of tongues

Ephesians 4:11

1 Corinthians 12:28-20

1. Apostle
2. Prophet
3. Teacher
4. Miracles
5. Kinds of healings
6. Helps
7. Administration
8. Tongues (3 kinds)

1. Apostle
2. Prophet
3. Evangelist
4. Pastor
5. Teacher

1 Peter 4:11

1. Whoever speaks
2. Whoever renders service

Gifts don't just function, they must be received, opened, operated & cared for

Fruit doesn't just appear, it has to be grown

A. FARMER HAS TO WORK THE FIELD ILL.

- He doesn't just buy a field & then poof in 6 months, he has an orchard full of fruit!!!

- ILL. PEACH FARMING IS HARD WORK

Q: How do we consistently live in the Spirit?

Q: How do we GROW FRUIT/STAY IN STEP/STEWARDSHIP GIFTS?

PROCESS OF ABIDING

1. ABIDING / REMAINING

“I define an... unhealthy [person] as one who operates in a continuous state of emotional and spiritual deficit. Their being for God isn't sufficient for sustaining their doing [living] for God.” - Pete Scazzero

How do we define Abiding? various definitions... SUPER PRACTICAL

- Set an Appointment
 - Set an appt. like you do with a person
 - Preparation for meeting
 - ILL. Rocking Chair
- Be still and Worship
 - Ascribe ultimate value to Him
 - Questions? “I don’t care - I’ve got Him”
 - Lord’s Prayer
 - First breath of prayer is praise
 - Healing
 - my soul slows down
 - the best thing for us, is not us
- Pray & Read Communication
 - Two Way talking: Bible & Prayer
- Listen & Write
 - Write down what you think God is saying to you
 - Psalm 45:1 -
 - 1 Chronicles 28:19 “All this,” David said, “I have in writing as a result of the Lord’s hand on me, and he enabled me to understand all the details of the plan.”

We remain by (simple & mystical):

- SOAP - Bible
- Daily Prayer
- Worship
- Being in Church - Covenant Community
- Groups
- Tithing/Generosity
- Serve Teams

MAKE ROOM & TIME TO HEAR HIS VOICE

“We make time for what we value” - Robert Morris

P. Scott - I don’t want to be with God - it feels like work

- There is a lie somewhere in my heart

- There is a misunderstanding of what being with God is like
- It's what you are made for
- It's the greatest joy of our life

Matthew 13:44

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

ABIDE = OUR GREATEST ENDEAVOR & GREATEST JOY

Challenge:

1. In the next 7 days - when & where is your appointment? Enjoy it!!

- Set an Appointment.
- Be still & Worship.
- Read & Pray - 2 way Communication
- Listen & Write

PRAY

- Help us ABIDE
- Help us STAY IN STEP & STEWARD GIFTS
- Teach us to ENJOY

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