



PURSUIT 24

In Pursuit of Fruitfulness

Php 3:12-14 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. (13) Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, (14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

In Review

- What does it mean to Pursue?
- God's Pursuit of Man
- Man's Pursuit of Sin
- In Pursuit of Christ as a Person and an Ideal
- In Pursuit of Endurance
- In Pursuit of Holiness
- In Pursuit of a Resurrected Life
- In Pursuit of Mastery of Gifting

Today





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Psa 1:1-3 Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. (2) But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. (3) And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.



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Blessed- אֶשֶׁר ('esher) eh'-sher-
Masculine plural construction as an
interjection meaning “How Happy!”

Walk not with Ungodly- That is not
following or going along with the
immoral.

Stand in the way of Sinners- Abide,
confirm, or continue with the **guilty**.

Sit in the seat of the scornful- Sit in
judgement with those that mock or
are scoffers.

What happens at salvation?

that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Fruit in season... What might affect those seasons?

- Age and experience (wisdom)
- Life Circumstances
- Our Surroundings
- The available of water, or how closely we are planted to the water.

You will bring forth fruit!!!





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Joh 15:4-5 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. (5) I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Joh 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Again... You will bear fruit!!!

Two Questions:

1. What is Fruit?
2. How do I produce it?

What exactly is the fruit we are talking about?

פֵּרִי pe'iy **Part of Speech:** noun masculine

1) fruit

1a) fruit, produce (of the ground)

1b) fruit, offspring, children, progeny (of the womb)

1c) fruit (of actions) (figuratively)

Καρπός karpos **Part of Speech:** noun masculine

1) fruit

1a) the fruit of the trees, vines, of the fields

1b) the fruit of one's loins, i.e. his progeny, his posterity

2) that which originates or comes from something, an effect, result

2a) work, act, deed

2b) advantage, profit, utility

2c) praises, which are presented to God as a thank offering

2d) to gather fruit (i.e. a reaped harvest) into life eternal (as into a granary), is used in fig. discourse of those who by their labours have fitted souls to obtain eternal life.

More Specifically...





Fruits of the Spirit

Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, (23) Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Love- Agape love, brotherly love, affection, good will, or a feast of love.

Joy- Gladness, more importantly what your joy is found in. Justification, pardon, peace, adoption, and eternal glory. In infirmities like Paul and in trials like in James.

Fruits of the Spirit

Peace- State of tranquility, could be between states or persons. But most importantly between God. Peace that passes understanding. Or like Christ said “Blessed are the Peacemakers.” or those that desire tranquility.

Longsuffering- Patient endurance of wrongs or the avenging of wrongs. As James says Trials work patience (Joyful endurance).

Gentleness- Moral goodness as it relates to kindness or even integrity of kindness. It represents the act of goodness directed towards others..

Goodness- Linked with gentleness or kindness is the act of doing good upon others.





Fruits of the Spirit

Faith- Conviction of truth, belief in particular in man's relationship to God.

Meekness- Humility and lowliness of mind. Walking humbly understanding wherein our every blessing flows.

Temperance- That is self control.

- Bearing in mind that it is fruit (singular) not fruit (plural).
- Also in season.
- Also with differing levels of constituent components.



*From
Creation*



*Man has
Pursued
Death*



*But God
sought to
Redeem*



*So that man
might choose
Life.*



Repent and Believe



King and the
Kingdom



Pursue Him, as an
Ideal



Pursue Him, as a
Person



So that...



With new
Life

We may Pursue
With endurance...



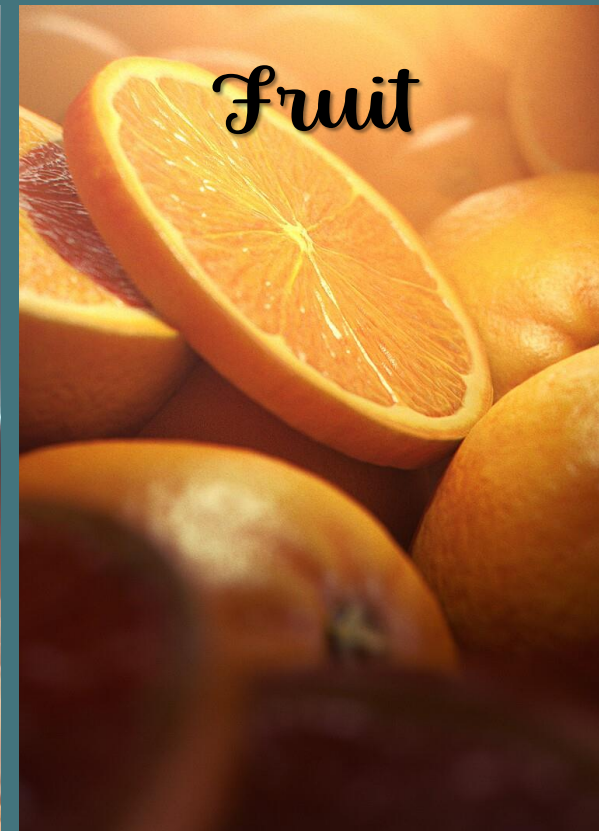
Holiness



Gifts



Fruit







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