

“How To Be Fruity?!” - John 15:1-8,16

John 15:1-8 NKJV - “I am the True Vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples... 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.”

Juan 15:1-8, 16 NTV - “Yo soy la Vid verdadera, y mi Padre es el Labrador. Él corta de mí toda rama que no produce fruto y poda las ramas que sí dan fruto, para que den aún más. Ustedes ya han sido podados y purificados por el mensaje que les di. Permanezcan en mí, y yo permaneceré en ustedes. Pues una rama no puede producir fruto si la cortan de la vid, y ustedes tampoco pueden ser fructíferos a menos que permanezcan en mí. »Ciertamente, yo soy la vid; ustedes son las ramas. Los que permanecen en mí y yo en ellos producirán mucho fruto porque, separados de mí, no pueden hacer nada. El que no permanece en mí es desechado como rama inútil y se seca. Todas esas ramas se juntan en un montón para quemarlas en el fuego. Si ustedes permanecen en mí y mis palabras permanecen en ustedes, pueden pedir lo que quieran, ¡y les será concedido! Cuando producen mucho fruto, demuestran que son mis verdaderos discípulos. Eso le da mucha gloria a mi Padre... “Ustedes no me eligieron a mí, yo los elegí a ustedes. Les encargué que vayan y produzcan frutos duraderos, así el Padre les dará todo lo que pidan en mi nombre.”

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- III. You’ll bear **MUCH** fruit.(v.5,8)
- IV. You’ll bear **LASTING** fruit. (v.16)

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- The word translated “fruit” is the Greek word “καρπὸν” or “καρπος”; this word is used 66x in the entire New Testament, but just in this chapter, it’s used 8x by John (2nd only to “abide” - 11x)
 - Jesus is the “True Vine” (Israel failed - Isa 5); we must have a living, growing, dependent connection to Him for any true spiritual growth/health/fruit in our lives!
 - The Father is the loving “Vinedresser” - Psalm 23:1
 - **Psalm 103:7-8, 13-14 NLT** - “He revealed His character to Moses and his deeds to the people of Israel. The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love... 13 The Lord is like a Father to His children, tender and compassionate to those who fear Him. For He knows how weak we are; He remembers we are only dust.”

Jesus will help you bear fruit, by **PICKING YOU UP** and by **WASHING YOU** with His Word:

- The word translated “takes away” is the Greek word “αἶρει” or “airos” meaning to “lift up, pick up”
- The word translated “prunes” is the Greek word “καθαίρει” or “kathairei” meaning to “clean, wash”

• **APPLICATIONAL QUESTION:**

- “Today do **YOU** need Jesus today, to pick **YOU** up... or to wash **YOU** with His Word?”
 - Then just ask Him right now: “Lord HELP me! Be merciful to me, a sinner!”

II. You **WILL** bear fruit. (v.4)

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear **fruit** of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.”

- In other words, if you simply “abide” in Jesus, if you stay connected to Him, and simply continue to walk with Him, and give your love to Him... you **WILL** grow fruit!!
 - It’s not about **LABORING** for Jesus... simply **LOVE** on Jesus!
 - It’s not about **SWEATING** for Jesus... simply **SITTING** with Jesus!
 - It’s not about **WORKING** for Jesus... simply **WALKING** with Jesus!
 - If you do these faithfully, if you do these things consistently... **YOU WILL GROW AND BEAR SPIRITUAL FRUIT in your life!!**

• What does the Scripture mean when it talks about spiritual “**FRUIT**”...??

- Fruit of **LOVE** > Gal 5:22 - “
- Fruit of **REPENTANCE** > Matt 3: - “
- Fruit of **OBEDIENCE** > Matt 7: - “
- Fruit of **FAITH IN THE SAVIOR** > Matt 21: - “
- Fruit of **WORD/OBED/MATURITY** > Luke 8:14,15 - “
- Fruit of **ETERNAL REWARDS** > John 4:36 - “
- Fruit of **HOLINESS** > Romans 6:22 - “
- Fruit of **RIGHTEOUSNESS** > Phil 1:11 - “
- Fruit of **RECEIVING/BELIEVING** Gospel > Col 1:6 - “

III. You’ll bear **MUCH** fruit. (v.5,8)

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- The spiritual fruit in your life, your character becoming more and more like Jesus, will really begin to multiply in many different areas of your life & ministry...
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IV. You’ll bear **LASTING** fruit. (v.16)

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- After years of growth and walking with the Lord, being washed, pruned, and developing spiritually, the Lord will teach you/empower you to grow spiritual fruit that endures, fruit that lasts for years, fruit that stands the test of time.

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There seems to be a kind of “*spiritual progression*” outlined by Jesus in these verses:

1. *You become a **BRANCH**.*
2. *You are **LIFTED UP/CLEANED** by Jesus.*
3. *You begin to **BEAR FRUIT** for Christ.*
4. *You later **BEAR MORE FRUIT** for Jesus.*
5. *You finally **BEAR MUCH FRUIT** for Christ!*
6. *You learn to **BEAR LASTING FRUIT** for the Lord!*

*What stage of growth are **YOU** in...*

*Are you... a **branch**?*

*Are you... getting **cleaned**?*

*Are you... growing **fruit**?*