

# Fruit and Deeds

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**Matthew 7:15-16, 20** (NIV) **15** "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. **16** By their fruit you will recognize them... **20** Thus, **by their fruit you will recognize them.**"

**Matthew 11:18-19** (NIV) **18** "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' **19** The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' **But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.**"

These two passages are similar:

-  Both are confronting problems / answering questions
-  Both follow the same \_\_\_\_\_
-  Both \_\_\_\_\_ with a "final word"
-  Both reveal the same \_\_\_\_: **fruit and deeds are all-important**

## I. This Truth Appears More Often Than You Realize

It is abundantly biblical.

**Matthew 21:28, 31** (NIV) **28** "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons... **31** "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"...

**Deuteronomy 18:22** (NIV) **22** **If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the Lord does not take place or come true**, that is a message the Lord has not spoken...

**James 2:17** (NIV) **17** In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

**1 Corinthians 3:12-13** (NIV) **12** If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, **13** their work will be shown for what it is, because **the Day will bring it to light**. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work.

**1 Corinthians 4:20** (NIV) **20** For **the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power**.

Fruit, deeds, actions, power, actually doing what the Father wants, prophesying accurately, building something that survives - These are all the same \_\_\_\_\_, and that \_\_\_\_\_ appears often.

## II. God Has A Goal

God wants more than just existence or enjoyment. He also wants \_\_\_\_\_. He is trying to \_\_\_\_\_ an objective.

**John 15:1-2, 8** (NIV) **1** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** 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**... **8** This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

**Matthew 6:10** (NIV) **10** your kingdom come, your will be done, **on earth as it is in heaven**.

God is pursuing worldwide growth. That's His goal.

## III. We Are To Contribute To That Goal

This goal is a "family business", and the entire family is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in that business.

**Matthew 28:19** (NIV) **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...

This is God's business plan, and you have a part in it. He needs you to \_\_\_\_\_.






## IV. Fruit and Deeds Are The Way To Contribute

\_\_\_\_\_, not arguments or attacks, are the true contributions to God's goal.

**Matthew 11:2-5** (NIV) **2** When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples **3** to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" **4** Jesus replied, "**Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5** The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

This is the proof. This is the measure. Fruit and Deeds are the real contributions.

## V. How Can You Contribute? What Can You Do to Grow Fruit?

-  Know the Father and His \_\_\_\_\_
-  Join a Team
-  Plant, Water, and Cultivate
-  Accept "Capital H" Help
-  Take Care of \_\_\_\_\_

This is something you can do. With just a little sensible \_\_\_\_\_, you can contribute to God's goal.

**Bringing It Home:** Do you want to be a contributor or just a consumer? Do you want to be recognized and proved right? Do you want to bear fruit and do deeds or not?

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**This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):**

**Sat** Isa 63-64  **Sun** Isa 65-66  **Mon** Ps 57-60; Rev 2

**Tue** Josh 1-3; Rev 3  **Wed** Josh 4-6; Rev 4

**Thur** Josh 7-9; Rev 5  **Fri** Josh 10-12; Rev 6  **Sat** Josh 13-15

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