

What God Wants from Us!

John 15:7-8 (NASB 2020) *If you remain in Me, and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.*

In a word, God wants fruit! Fruit is mentioned six times in our text and a total of eight times in this chapter, and over sixty times in the New Testament.

Philippians 1:9-11 (NLT): *I pray that your love will overflow more and more and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.*

I. The Fruit of Character

John 15:12-13 (NASB 2020) *"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that a person will lay down his life for his friends.*

Love is a Character Trait!

Galatians 5:22-23 (NASB 2020) *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;*

Galatians 5:6 (NKJV) *For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.*

Hebrews 12:14 (NASB 2020) *Pursue peace with all people, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.*

James 1:4 (NKJV) *But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.*

II. The Fruit of Conduct

1. We must bear fruit.

*****Matthew 7:16 (NASB95)** *"You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they?"*

Ephesians 2:10 (NASB 2020) *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*

****Colossians 1:10-11 (NASB 2020)** *so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might.*

2. When we don't

John 15:2 (ESV) *Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.*

*****Hebrews 12:10 (ESV)** *For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.*

John 15:6 (ESV) *If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.*

*****Titus 1:15-16 (NASB 2020)** *To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.*

III. The Fruit of Converts

1 Corinthians 16:15 (NASB95) *Now I urge you, brethren (you know the household of Stephanas, that they were the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves for ministry to the saints).*

John 4:35-36 (NLT) *You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike!*

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NKJV) *And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.*

Colossians 4:5-6 (ESV) *Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

We Glorify God

John 15:8 (NASB 2020) *My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.*

Glorified: g1392. δοξάζω doxazō; from 1391; to render (or esteem) glorious (in a wide application): — (make) glorify(-ious), full of (have) glory, honor, magnify.

John 16:14 (ESV) *He (Holy Spirit) will glorify Me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you.*

Matthew 5:16 (NASB95) *“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*

IV. God Honors us

John 15:7 (NASB 2020) *If you remain in Me, and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

John 15:16 (NASB 2020) *You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, **so that** whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.*

John 12:26 (NASB 2020) *If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.*

Billy Graham Quote! “How will I descend so low, to become American President, having walked with God, to now start walking with men, I am an evangelist, my assignment is to preach Jesus”

John 15:17 (ESV) *These things I command you, so that you will love one another.*