

Abide
Appointed by Jesus
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John 15:1-17 (ESV)

We can choose to live life detached from God,
or we can choose to live life abiding with God.

Fruit-bearing comes from God-abiding.

Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)

Matthew 22:37-40 (ESV)

When we truly love God we will love people.

Our first fruit is to love God and love people.

We abide.
God appoints.

John 15:16a (ESV)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you...

We are appointed by God
to love people like God loves people.

John 15:14-15 (ESV)

When we love people like God loves people,
we move from status as a servant
to status as a friend.

James 2:23 (ESV)