



Fruitful

A study from John 15

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.
²Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. ³You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

John 15:1-17

⁶“If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. ⁹ Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

John 15:1-17

¹⁰“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full. ¹²This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:1-17

¹⁴ You are My friends if you do what I command you.
¹⁵ No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ This I command you, that you love one another.”

John 15:1-17

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**Fruitfulness is not
optional.**

“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.”

John 15:8

Fruitfulness Defined

**External results of inward
realities produced by and
reflective of Jesus**

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 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. “

Matthew 5:13-16

“I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5

F r u i t f u l

**We were created
to be fruitful.**

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.²⁸ God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 1:26-28

“And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing...”

Genesis 12:2

Let me sing now for my well-beloved A song of my beloved concerning His vineyard. My well-beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill. ² He dug it all around, removed its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. And He built a tower in the middle of it And also hewed out a wine vat in it; Then He expected it to produce good grapes, But it produced only worthless ones.

Isaiah 5:1-2

F r u i t f u l

**We were chosen
to be fruitful.**

“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 15:16

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:3-6

F r u i t f u l

**We are appointed
to be fruitful.**

“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 15:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Ephesians 2:8-10

“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.”

John 15:8

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**Fruitfulness proves
we are disciples.**

“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and **so prove to be My disciples.**”

John 15.8

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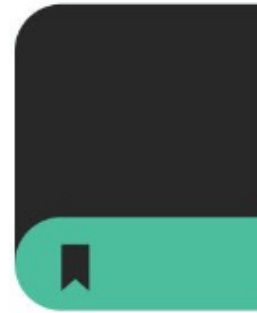
**Prodigals
(ex-Christians)**



**Habitual
Churchgoers**



**Nomads
(lapsed
Christians)**



**Resilient
Disciples**

Barna Group: Adults 18-29 yrs old

“There is no guarantee that you can be a Christian but not an apprentice of Jesus and still ‘go to heaven when you die.’ Jesus warned us, ‘Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who DOES the will of my Father who is in heaven.’”

John Mark Comer, *Practicing the Way*

F r u i t f u l

**Fruitfulness
glorifies God.**

“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.”

John 15:8

Question: What is the chief end of man?

Answer: Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

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John 15:5

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**God, what areas of my life
do you want to make
more fruitful?**