

**Missio Dei Part 4**  
**Bearing Fruit**  
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**Becoming A True Disciple By Bearing Fruit**

**John 15:8 NKJV**

By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

**The Supreme Purpose of My Life is to Produce Fruit**

1. **Bearing Fruit Brings Glory to God.**
2. **Bearing Fruit Proves I am A Disciple.**
3. **God Wants Me To Bear Much Fruit.**

**John 15:16 KJV**

<sup>16</sup> Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it

**A Disciple Produces Fruit in Four Areas**

1. **Fruit of Repentance.** (Mt 3:8)
2. **Fruit of the Spirit.** (Gal 5:22,23)
3. **Fruit of Another Christian.**
4. **The Fruit of Ministry.** (1Peter 4:10, Eph 3:7)

**So what is it that produces a fruitful life?**

1. **I Must Put Down Roots.**

**Jeremiah 17:7-8 NKJV**

“Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the LORD,  
And whose hope is the LORD.  
8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,  
Which spreads out its roots by the river,  
And will not fear when heat comes;  
But its leaf will be green,  
And will not be anxious in the year of drought,  
Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

**Col 2:7 NKJV**

rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

**How do I develop those roots?**

**Psalms 1:2-3 NKJV**

But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD,  
And in His law he meditates day and night.  
3 He shall be like a tree  
Planted by the rivers of water,  
That brings forth its fruit in its season,

Whose leaf also shall not wither;  
And whatever he does shall prosper.

## **2. I Must Eliminate The Weeds In My Life**

### **Luke 8:11 & 14 (Good News)**

*"The seed is the word of God. The seed that falls among weeds stands for those who hear the word of God but the worries and the riches and the pleasures of life crowd in and choke them and their fruit never ripens."*

## **3. I Must Cooperate With God's Pruning**

### **John 15:1-2 NKJV**

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> 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.

## **4. I Must Believe In The Harvest**

### **John 12:24 NKJV**

Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.