



Fruition

BEARING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

GALATIANS 5:16 & 22-23 NLT

**SO I SAY, LET THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE YOUR LIVES. THEN YOU
WON'T BE DOING WHAT YOUR SINFUL NATURE CRAVES...²² BUT
THE HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCES THIS KIND OF FRUIT IN OUR LIVES:
LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS,
FAITHFULNESS,²³ GENTLENESS, AND SELF-CONTROL. THERE
IS NO LAW AGAINST THESE THINGS!**

**GROW SOME KINDNESS FOR
GOODNESS SAKE!!!**

JOHN 15:5 NLT

YES, I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. THOSE WHO
REMAIN IN ME, AND I IN THEM, WILL PRODUCE MUCH FRUIT.
FOR APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.

NOTHING — οὐδέν — OUDEN

**NOTHING. ZERO. NOT ONE THING. A
QUALITY OF NO IMPORTANCE OR VALUE.**

KINDNESS = χρηστότης (CHRĒSTOTĒS)

**KINDNESS, GRACIOUSNESS, BENEVOLENCE,
MORAL GENTLENESS.**

**YOU CAN'T GIVE WHAT YOU
HAVEN'T RECEIVED!**

ROMANS 2:4 NLT

DON'T YOU SEE HOW WONDERFULLY KIND, TOLERANT, AND PATIENT GOD IS WITH YOU? DOES THIS MEAN NOTHING TO YOU? CAN'T YOU SEE THAT HIS KINDNESS IS INTENDED TO TURN YOU FROM YOUR SIN?

**WE DON'T GIVE KINDNESS TO EARN GOD'S
KINDNESS. WE GIVE KINDNESS BECAUSE
WE'VE ALREADY RECEIVED GOD'S KINDNESS.**

RECEIVE > GROW > SHOW

FRUIT TAKES TIME TO GROW!!!
TRUST THE PROCESS!!!

WHAT EVENTUALLY SHOWS UP AS FRUIT
FIRST STARTS AS A WORK NOBODY CAN SEE!

PHILIPPIANS 1:6 NLT

**AND I AM CERTAIN THAT GOD, WHO BEGAN THE GOOD WORK
WITHIN YOU, WILL CONTINUE HIS WORK UNTIL IT IS FINALLY
FINISHED ON THE DAY WHEN CHRIST JESUS RETURNS.**

PROCESS: CULTIVATION
GOD IS STILL WORKING!!!

THE SOIL HAS TO BE TENDED

→ I RENEW MY MIND

THE PLANT NEEDS WATER

→ I GET IN THE WORD.

1 JOHN 1:7 NLT

**BUT IF WE ARE LIVING IN THE LIGHT, AS GOD IS IN THE LIGHT,
THEN WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH EACH OTHER, AND THE
BLOOD OF JESUS, HIS SON, CLEANSSES US FROM ALL SIN.**

THE WEEDS HAVE TO BE PULLED.

**→ I REMOVE WHATEVER COMPETES
WITH MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.**

HEBREWS 12:1 NLT

THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SUCH A HUGE CROWD OF WITNESSES TO THE LIFE OF FAITH, LET US STRIP OFF EVERY WEIGHT THAT SLOWS US DOWN, ESPECIALLY THE SIN THAT SO EASILY TRIPS US UP. AND LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE THE RACE GOD HAS SET BEFORE US.

THE ROOTS HAVE TO GROW DEEPER.

→ I BECOME A DISCIPLE.

COLOSSIANS 2:6—7 NLT

AND NOW, JUST AS YOU ACCEPTED CHRIST JESUS AS YOUR LORD, YOU MUST CONTINUE TO FOLLOW HIM. ⁷ LET YOUR ROOTS GROW DOWN INTO HIM, AND LET YOUR LIVES BE BUILT ON HIM. THEN YOUR FAITH WILL GROW STRONG IN THE TRUTH YOU WERE TAUGHT, AND YOU WILL OVERFLOW WITH THANKFULNESS.

FRUIT TAKES TIME TO GROW!!!

**GOD IS WORKING IN PLACES
YOU CAN'T SEE YET!**

**DON'T DIG UP TOMORROW'S FRUIT
BECAUSE YOU'RE FRUSTRATED
WITH TODAY'S GROWTH!**

**WE GET TO SHOW HIS
KINDNESS TO OTHERS!**

PSALM 34:8

TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD...

**WE DON'T DEFINE GOODNESS BY
CULTURE. WE DISCOVER GOODNESS
IN THE CHARACTER OF GOD.**

GOD IS GOOD!!!

GOODNESS = ἀγαθωσύνη — AGATHŌSYNĒ

**MORAL GOODNESS, UPRIGHTNESS, INTEGRITY,
VIRTUE, AND AN ACTIVE DESIRE TO DO WHAT IS
RIGHT AND BENEFICIAL.**

**GOODNESS IS THE DESIRE TO DO WHAT IS
RIGHT AND THE COURAGE TO LIVE IT OUT!**

KINDNESS VS. GOODNESS

KINDNESS ASKS: "HOW CAN I TREAT THIS PERSON LIKE JESUS?"

GOODNESS ASKS: "WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE TO DO THIS GOD'S WAY?"

KINDNESS = LOVE EXPRESSED

GOODNESS = RIGHTEOUSNESS LIVED OUT

GOODNESS DOES WHAT IS RIGHT,
NO MATTER WHAT THE COST!

**“WHAT’S POPULAR ISN’T ALWAYS RIGHT,
AND WHAT’S RIGHT ISN’T ALWAYS POPULAR!”**

JOHN 8:10-11 NLT

**THEN JESUS STOOD UP AGAIN AND SAID TO THE WOMAN,
“WHERE ARE YOUR ACCUSERS? DIDN’T EVEN ONE OF THEM
CONDEMN YOU?” ¹¹ “NO, LORD,” SHE SAID. AND JESUS SAID,
“NEITHER DO I. GO AND SIN NO MORE.”**

KINDNESS: JESUS PROTECTED HER
DIGNITY AND REFUSED TO CONDEMN HER.

**GOODNESS: JESUS DIDN'T PRETEND HER
SIN DIDN'T MATTER. HE CALLED HER TO
LEAVE IT BEHIND.**



Fruition

BEARING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT