

The Fruit Speaks For Itself

Part five of the series, "Abide"

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John 15:1-11 NIV

God desires our lives to bear fruit.

"Then God blessed them and said, 'Be fruitful and multiply.'"
(Genesis 1:28 NLT)

- No Fruit → Some Fruit → More Fruit → Much Fruit → Remaining Fruit

Our fruit reveals our source of connection.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned." (v. 5-6)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23 NIV)

- **Character:** Fruit always bears the characteristics of the tree it's a part of.
- **Conduct:** Fruit is always visible.
- **Contribution:** Fruit only exists for the benefit of other people.

God often prunes so that we can be more fruitful and experience lasting joy.

"He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." (v. 2)

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." (v. 9-11)