

## *The Way to Be Fruitful*

***“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last.” (John 15:16)***

People run after their ambitions; they get exhausted spending much time, effort and money to achieve goals and produce progress in life. You find them busy having many projects, dreaming many dreams, and being involved in various activities trying their best to be fruitful.

The word of God in the Bible teaches us how to live a good, progressive and fruitful life. The word of God teaches us to produce in life fruit not only for temporal purpose but fruits that will last for a long time, even forever.

- 1- ***“What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?” (Mark 8:36)*** In this life before you do anything, before you plan to achieve something, it is good to ponder about yourself first. Think about yourself in this way: *“Where am I going after this, or where shall I end after this?”* Let me answer you: *“Whatever it is, yet at the end you will die and you end up to either heaven or hell.”* Heaven is real and hell is real. There is no doubt about it. You have to believe that there is eternal life, and this life is in your hands. You can reach God, the Father and live with Him forever if you believe in Jesus, because only in His name there is life. In the name of Jesus there is no death as He said: ***“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he died; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26)***
- 2- ***“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’ (John 14:6)*** Knowing Jesus is the only right beginning; it is not only the good start, but this is how we must start to walk in the way that leads us to eternity. Do not be deceived by religions, traditions, or practices that are based on human teachings and lead you to eternal fire. To be fruitful, be away from them and come to Jesus the Saviour.
- 3- ***“Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine you are the branches.” (John 15:4-5)*** Jesus said He is the Vine; and if you are one of His branches you need not only to believe in Him but also to follow Him. You have to live with Him and obey His teachings. As you hear the word of God that Jesus spoke, you have to keep it in your heart and do what it says. In that situation Jesus will remain in you as long as you are keen to remain in Him.

- 4- ***“If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5b)*** The vine is the tree that bears grapes. It composes of branches and when these branches come together they form the vine. In the same way every brother or sister who believes in Jesus is a branch, and as all these branches come together they form the Vine, the body of Christ – the Church. In order to be fruitful, you have to stay with the brothers and sisters in the church as the word of God says, ***“It must remain in the vine.”*** You cannot work and serve the Lord alone. You have to be with the group of believers who form together the vine. One foot cannot walk alone, it needs the other. Therefore, do not be proud and introvert in your attitude but be a part of the vine in order to be fruitful and beneficial.
- 5- ***“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22-23)*** Once you receive Jesus as your personal Saviour and Lord, and as you abide and remain in Him the Spirit of God will start to fill you and to change your personality, behaviors and attitude. The Holy Spirit will mold you to be a real new person who lives new life; whose aim is to please God, to serve Him and to do His will.

The outcome of your fruitfulness does not depend on how much you are intelligent, or how much you are rich, or how much you have experienced, or how many relationship or contacts you have. But your fruitfulness depends on how you allow the Holy Spirit to reproduce in you the fruit of the Spirit:

- 1- ***Love*** the people around you including your enemies.
- 2- ***Joy*** not only in good time but even in hardest time.
- 3- ***Peace*** in your hearts whatever rumors are around.
- 4- ***Patience*** in waiting upon God to give you what is due for you.
- 5- ***Kindness and gentleness*** on how you talk and act with other people.
- 6- ***Goodness*** towards others and to the other people around you.
- 7- ***Faithfulness*** to God and to the people you're in relationship with.
- 8- ***Self-control*** to control and restrain you from doing sinful acts.

The man who has no fruit of the Spirit in his life will never be fruitful in whatever hard work he is doing; he is like grapes that are big in size but have no taste and nobody will desire to eat it.

***My dear and beloved:*** the word of God gives us profound wisdom and teaches us step by step how to live a fruitful and abundant life – not only to be blessed with, but to bring the blessings to others as we do and pray.

***My Prayer:*** *“Heavenly Father, I come before You in the name of Jesus who died for me on the cross to give me eternal life. Lord, I surrender my life to you; I want to remain in You, to abide in your words and to live a fruitful life. Oh Lord, remain in me. I want to be a blessing to others; guide me. Lord, in your truth and lead me to the way of everlasting. Thank You, Lord Jesus, Amen.”*