

# **Fruit of a Disciple**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: John 15:1-8.

## II. Glorifying God.

A. We were designed to glorify God. (Isaiah 43:7)

B. We are commanded in the New Testament to glorify God. (1 Corinthians 6:20)

C. Glorify God by...

1. Praising him. (Psalm 50:23)

2. What we do. (1 Corinthians 10:31; Matthew 5:16)

3. Declaring Jesus Christ as Lord. (Philippians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 9:17)

## III. Defining fruit.

A. Fruit of the Spirit. This is not natural to men. (Galatians 5:22-23)

B. Fruits of righteousness. These are not natural to men. (Philippians 1:11; 1 Timothy 3:16; Proverbs 11:30)

C. Fruit of good works. (Colossians 1:10; Ephesians 2:10)

D. Fruit of bringing others to Christ. (John 15:16)

## IV. Secrets of fruitfulness.

A. Being wrapped in the vine who is Jesus.

B. Abiding in Christ, which means obeying. (John 15:10)

C. Pruning by God. (John 15:2)

D. Being good soil. (Matthew 13:3ff; Jeremiah 4:3; Psalm 139:23-24)

E. Maturity and motivation. (2 Peter 3:18; 1:4ff; John 13:34-35; Psalm 92:12-13)

F. Fruit results from spiritual obedience. (Isaiah 37:31; Psalm 1:2-3; Revelation 2:1; Ezekiel 37:11; Jeremiah 17:5-8; Ezekiel 47:12)

## V. Conclusion. (Psalm 1:2-3)

**Application questions:**

1. Why is it important to distinguish the kinds of biblical fruit?

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2. How can we actively give God glory in all that we do?

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3. What will you do to live a more fruitful life? Explain.

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