

Fruits 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?

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

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