

John 15 - Bearing Fruit

Mat 21:33-43 ESV "Hear another parable..... **the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.**

Two aspects of bearing fruit Col 1:3-10 ESV

- **SALVATIONS** - you have heard before in the word of the truth, **the gospel**, 6 which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is **bearing fruit and growing**
- **PERSONAL GROWTH**.....10 so as to **walk in a manner worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing to him, **bearing fruit in every good work** and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Every Branch is pruned - to take the barren away, to make the fruitful more so

Joh 15:1-3 ESV "I am **the true vine**, and my Father is **the vinedresser**. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of **the word that I have spoken to you.**

The branch cannot bear fruit by itself - Abiding in Him is the key

Joh 15:4 ESV Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for **apart from me you can do nothing.**

How do we Abide? - "my words abide in you"

Joh 15:7-8 ESV If you abide in me, and **my words abide in you**, **ask whatever you wish**, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you **bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.**

- The focus of our prayer is aligned with him
- We bear fruit and prove that we are a disciple of Jesus - the Father is glorified

How do we abide? By abiding in His love by keeping His commandments

Joh 15:9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. **Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love**, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

Chosen and appointed to bear fruit

Joh 15:16 ESV You did not choose me, but **I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide**, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

- And again there is this element of prayer - that is related to fruitfulness
- Pray for souls, pray for personal fruitfulness

The Great Commission - the Spirit will come and bear witness - you also

26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, **he will bear witness about me.** 27 **And you also will bear witness**, because you have been with me from the beginning.

Summary: fruitfulness - sharing of the gospel & personal fruitfulness (let his word abide & abide in his love (obedience) this is the key to fruitfulness) ... fruitful Glorify the Father and prove ourselves to be his disciples