

Bearing Fruit is the Responsibility of Every Christian

TEXT: John 15:8 (KJV)

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

CONTEXT: John 15:1-17 (KJV)

¹ I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

² Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

³ Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

⁵ I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

⁶ If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

⁷ If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

⁸ Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

⁹ As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

¹⁰ If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

¹¹ These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

¹² This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

¹³ Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

¹⁴ Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

¹⁵ Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

¹⁶ Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

¹⁷ These things I command you, that ye love one another.

Exegesis of Scriptures Answers:

1. Who's Talking? ~ **Jesus**
2. Who's Being Talked To? ~ **The Eleven Judas Left to go Betray Jesus**
3. What's The Discussion About? ~ **Bearing Fruit Soul Winning, Teaching People to Obey Christ**

What the Bible Says About Bearing Fruit:

1. Jesus Came into the World to Save Mankind From Hell
2. Jesus Commands His Church to Continue His Mission of Saving Souls

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#1: Jesus Came Into the World to Save Mankind from Hell

- Luke 19:10 (KJV)
- Hebrews 2:12 (KJV)

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Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

Point #2: Jesus Commands His Church to Continue His Mission of Saving Souls

- Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV)
- John 4:34-38 (NLT)
- Matthew 13:1-23 (AMP)

Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

John 4:34-38 (NLT)

³⁴ Then Jesus explained: "My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work. ³⁵ You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. ³⁶ The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike! ³⁷ You know the saying, 'One plants and another harvests.' And it's true. ³⁸ I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest."

Matthew 13:1-23 (AMP)

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting beside the sea [of Galilee]. ² But such large crowds gathered around Him that He got into a boat and sat there [positioning Himself as a teacher], while the whole crowd stood on the shore. ³ He told them many things in parables, saying, "Listen carefully: a sower went out to sow [seed in his field]; ⁴ and as he sowed, some *seed* fell beside the road [between the fields], and the birds came and ate it. ⁵ Other seed fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil; and at once they sprang up because they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, and thorns came up and choked them out.

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⁸ Other seed fell on good soil and yielded grain, some a hundred times as much [as was sown], some sixty [times as much], and some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears [to hear], let him hear *and* heed My words." ¹⁰ Then the disciples came to Him and asked, "Why do You speak to the crowds in parables?" ¹¹ Jesus replied to them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. ¹² For whoever has [spiritual wisdom because he is receptive to God's word], to him *more* will be given, and he will be richly *and* abundantly supplied; but whoever does not have [spiritual wisdom because he has devalued God's word], even what he has will be taken away from him. ¹³ This is the reason I speak to the crowds in parables: because while [having the power of] seeing they do not see, and while [having the power of] hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand *and* grasp [spiritual things]. ¹⁴ In them the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'You will hear *and* keep on hearing, but never understand; And you will look *and* keep on looking, but never comprehend; ¹⁵ For this nation's heart has grown hard, And with their ears they hardly hear, And they have [tightly] closed their eyes, Otherwise they would see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, and turn [to Me] And I would heal them spiritually.' ¹⁶ But blessed [spiritually aware, and favored by God] are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. ¹⁷ I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, many prophets and righteous men [who were honorable and in right standing with God] longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. ¹⁸ "Listen then to the [meaning of the] parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom [regarding salvation] and does not understand *and* grasp it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road. ²⁰ The one on whom seed was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and at once welcomes it with joy; ²¹ yet he has no substantial] root in himself, but is only temporary, and when pressure or persecution comes because of the word, immediately he stumbles *and* falls away [abandoning the One who is the source of salvation]. ²² And the one on whom seed was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the worries *and* distractions of the world and the deceitfulness [the superficial pleasures and delight] of riches choke the word, and it yields no fruit. ²³ And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands *and* grasps it; he indeed bears fruit and yields, some a hundred times [as much as was sown], some sixty [times as much], and some thirty."

RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION OF FAITH:

1. **HEAR the GOSPEL ~ Romans 10:17**
2. **BELIEVE ~ Hebrews 11:6**
3. **REPENT ~ Luke 13:3**
4. **CONFESS ~ Matthew 10:32-33**
5. **BE BAPTIZED ~ Acts 22:16**
6. **BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH ~ Revelation 2:10**