

SPRING MORNING BIBLE CLASS 2022

JOHN 15:1-16 part 9

"FRUIT-BEARING"

John 15:7-8 MSG: "But if you make yourselves at home with Me and My Words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how My Father shows who He is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as My disciples."

John 15:7-8 TPT: "But if you live in LIFE-UNION with Me and if My Words live POWERFULLY within you—then you can ask whatever you desire and it will be done. When your lives bear (produce) abundantly fruit, you DEMONSTRATE that you are My mature disciples who glorify My Father!"

FRUIT BEARING:

1. There are the _____ branches, and the _____ and _____ are made to them. These are the same as the fruitful branches mentioned earlier. (John 15:2-3) Jesus had already covered the pruning or the disciplining of the branches, so here He covers the promises made to them and the results of their "_____" in Him. Note that the promises and results are **CONDITIONAL** or **UNCONDITIONAL**: *"If you abide in Me..."* Note also that the Word of Christ must abide in the believer. The thought is that a believer must take the Words of Christ and...

- ✓ _____ and _____ God's Words.
- ✓ have your thoughts and desires _____ by God's Words.
- ✓ be _____ and _____ by God's Words.

"Study and do your best to present yourself to God approved, a workman [tested by trial] who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling and skillfully teaching the Word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15 AMP)

2. The promises and results of 'ABIDING' in Christ are THREEFOLD (3X):

- I. The attached branch receives _____, that is answered prayers.
 - a. The branch is attached _____ the VINE. The branch abides _____ the Vine: dwells and lives and never faces a moment when it is not attached to the Vine. So it is with the believer. The believer is attached _____ Christ, the true Vine: he abides, dwells, lives, and walks _____ the very presence of Christ, never facing a moment when other is not attached and walking in Christ. A genuine believer walks in _____ fellowship and prayer with the Lord. He is always abiding and _____ with the Lord.
 - b. Similarly, the Vine is always _____ the branch, always sending its LIFE-GIVING food and drink to the branch. So it is with Christ. Christ is ALWAYS share His LIFE-GIVING _____ with the believer, ALWAYS _____ prayer and _____ the needs of the genuine believer.

II. The attached branch _____ God by bearing MUCH fruit. Remember what the fruit is. It is...

- _____: *"Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God".* (Philippians 1:11)
- _____: *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering (patience), gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control: against such there is No Law."* (Galatians 5:22-23)
- _____ *"If, my brothers and sisters, you did not already know, my plans were set to meet you in Rome, but time and circumstances have forced every trip to be cancelled until now. I have deeply desired to see you some good fruit among you just as I have seen with so many non-Jewish believers."* (Romans 1:13 VOC)

3. When men see fruit in the life of a believer, they are forced...

- ☞ to turn their _____ to God
- ☞ to _____ that only God's power could do such
- ☞ to _____ God to save them
- ☞ to begin _____ God for help
- ☞ to _____ God or to _____ their mind and _____ God

4. God is _____ by the fruit born in the life of a believer, glorified by some men beginning to _____ about God and _____ upon Him.

5. That attached branch proves he is a disciple by bearing fruit. There are ways to tell if a person really is attached to Christ:

- † Does he bear fruit?
- † Does he live righteously or do shameful things?
- † Does he bear "love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control? (Galatians 5:22-23)
- † Does he lead the lost to Christ? (Romans 1:13)

6. How can we glorify God?

- ✓ By simply _____ His glory to shine out through us.
- ✓ By simply _____ ourselves to Him, so that His glory may manifest itself in us and through us to the world.

"If any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God gives: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 4:11)

7. As man works and serves in a power which comes from God _____, God gets all the glory. When we _____ that the ability came from God alone, He (God) who does the work, and they who see it, equally glorify God.