

THE FRUIT OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Matthew 13:23 – *But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*

Colossians 1:9-14 – “For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and long-suffering with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

- **TCNT** – “Your lives will be fruitful in every kind of good action.”
- **Actually**, what kind of fruit are you producing?

Fruit – the visible expression of power working inwardly and invisibly, the character of the “fruit” being evidence of the character of the power producing it. [**Vine’s**]

Proverbs 11:30 – “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.”

- **The fruit God is looking for?** – bringing others into the Kingdom!

Romans 15:26-28 – “For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. ²⁷It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things. ²⁸Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain.”

- **The fruit God is looking for?** – giving of your finances.

Ephesians 5:8-11 – “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. ¹¹And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.”

- **The fruit God is looking for?**
 - **Goodness** – good in character, beneficial in its effect. [**Vine’s**]
 - **Righteousness** – thinking, believing and living as God intended.
 - **Truth** – free from pretense; personal excellence.
 - “have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness” – have no share or partnership in their darkened lifestyle.

Galatians 5:22, 23 – “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

- **The fruit God is looking for?** – Character produced by the Holy Spirit in our spirit.

Hebrews 13:15 – “Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.”

- “**thanks**” – HOMOLOGEO; confess, agree.
- “**His name**” – implies all that Jesus is!

James 3:17, 18 [AMP] – But the wisdom from above is first of all pure (undefiled); then it is peace-loving, courteous (considerate, gentle). [It is willing to] yield to reason, full of compassion and good fruits; it is wholehearted and straightforward, impartial and unfeigned (free from doubts, wavering, and insincerity).¹⁸ And the harvest of righteousness (of conformity to God’s will in thought and deed) is [the fruit of the seed] sown in peace by those who work for and make peace [in themselves and in others, that peace which means concord, agreement, and harmony between individuals, with undisturbedness, in a peaceful mind free from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts].

- **This is the fruit God is looking for!**

Note: [Expository Dictionary of Bible Words] “The fruit God seeks in human beings is expressed in loving acts that bring peace and harmony to the individual and to society. But that fruit is foreign to sinful human nature. Energized by sinful passions, fallen humanity acts in ways that harm and bring dissension.

“God’s solution is found in a personal relationship with Jesus and in the supernatural working of God’s Spirit within the believer. As we live in intimate, obedient relationship with Jesus, God’s Spirit energizes us as we produce the peaceable fruits of righteousness that can come only from the Lord.”

John 15:4-8 – “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.⁵ “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.⁶ “If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.⁷ “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.⁸ “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”

- **vs. 7 [Wuest]** – “If you maintain a living communion with Me and My words are at home in you, I command you to ask, at once, something for yourself, whatever your heart desires, and it will become yours.”

Matthew 11:28-30 [AMP] – Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation

and blessed quiet) for your souls. ³⁰ *For My yoke is wholesome (useful, good—not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant), and My burden is light and easy to be borne.*

- **Note:** coming to Jesus will produce like fruit in you!

Romans 7:4-6 – “Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another— to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear **fruit to God.** ⁵For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear **fruit to death.** ⁶But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.”

- **Expository Dictionary Of Bible Words:** “This passage explains that human actions are energized from one of two sources. We can, on the one hand, be energized by our sinful nature (flesh); but when we are, we produce ‘fruit to death.’ Or we can be energized by the Holy Spirit. When we are controlled by the Spirit, we bear ‘fruit to God.’”
- **Ephesians 5:18** – “Be being filled (controlled by) the Holy Spirit!”