

Fruit that Gives God Glory

John 15:7-8

But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted. When you **produce much fruit**, you are my true disciples. This brings **great glory** to my Father.

John 15 progresses through stages of fruitfulness

- No Fruit- John 15:2
- More Fruit- John 15:2
- Much Fruit- John 15:5
- Remaining Fruit- John 15:16

The Characteristics of the fruit

- Fruit is visible
 - Galatians 5:22-23
 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control
 - The fruit of the Spirit is visible characteristics of Jesus being produced in a believer's life.
- Fruit reflects the character of the tree
- According to Jesus, we recognize people by their fruit. This requires fruit inspection
 - Matthew 7:17-20
 - Fruit will show whether you are a follower, fan, or friend of Jesus
 - Follower- disciple of Jesus
 - Fans- Lack Commitment
 - Becoming a Follower and Friend of Jesus requires, displaying the fruit of love
 - John 15:13-15
 - Proverbs 17:17
 - In being a friend to Jesus, Jesus provides
 - Unshakable Character
 - Unconditional Love
 - Unbridled honesty
 - Unmovable reliability
 - Unceasing encouragement
- The fruit is produced through abiding in Jesus Christ
 - John 15:7-8