

# Go and Bear Fruit

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John 15:1-13, 16a

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. 9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." 14-15... 16 "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last..."

## 1. WE ARE CREATED TO BE FRUITFUL

Genesis 1:27-28a

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number..."

## 2. WE ARE EQUIPPED TO BE FRUITFUL

Matthew 25:14

"Again, [the kingdom of heaven] will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them."

## 3. WE ARE CHOSEN & APPOINTED TO BE FRUITFUL

John 15:16

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last...

## 4. WE ARE INDWELT BY GOD TO BE FRUITFUL

Galatians 5:22-23

22 ... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control...

## 5. WE ARE SOWN WITH THE WORD TO BE FRUITFUL

Matthew 13:23

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

## 6. THE FATHER PRUNES US TO BE MORE FRUITFUL

John 15:2

[The Father] cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

## 7. WE GLORIFY GOD BY BEING FRUITFUL

John 15:8

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.