

GLORIFY GOD BY FRUIT BEARING

Jhn 15:8

INTRODUCTION:

- A. In this passage is one of the great lessons that all Christians need to learn.
- B. That is that we glorify God by bearing fruit for Him. And by so doing we are His disciples
- C. Notice also, that Jesus didn't just say bear fruit but bear MUCH fruit.
- D. For our lesson then let's think about fruit bearing and ways to do so.

DISCUSSION:

I. CONSIDER FIRST THE PRINCIPLE OF LIFE

- A. God created life and the instructions were to be fruitful Gen 1:11,12,22,28
- B. Seed bears in it the germ of life and each produces after its own kind.
- C. This principle never varies fruit is born after its own kind in harmony with established natural laws

II. WE MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY OF FRUIT BEARING

- A. Either bear fruit or be cut off Jhn 15:2
- B. Note this is an individual responsibility
 1. Every branch must bear fruit
 2. One branch cannot bear fruit for another
- C. Branch cannot bear fruit of itself Jhn 15:4
- D. Definition of fruit:
 1. Any product of plant growth useful to man or animal as grain, vegetables, cotton etc
 2. Product or result, as of work, training, idleness, etc. reward; outcome; consequences

III. CONSIDER NOW SOME WAYS OF BEARING FRUIT

- A. Winning others to Christ is bearing fruit
 1. Paul desired fruit among the Romans Rom 1:13
 2. He that winneth souls is wise Prov 11:30
 3. Disciples called to be fishers of men Mk 1:17
- B. Living holy lives is bearing fruit Rom 6:22
 1. Being delivered from a life of sin
 2. The conduct befitting those who have been separated from a life of sin and dedicated to God
 3. Cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates and defiles body and spirit and make our consecration complete 2Cor 7:1
 4. Living a God fearing life is bearing fruit
- C. Praising God is fruit bearing Heb 13:15
 1. Sacrifice of praise = the fruit of our lips
 2. Singing praise to Him Eph 5:19; Col 3:16

3. Not only songs but the words we speak Note Matt 12:33-37

D. Sharing what we have is fruit bearing Rom 15:28

1. Money raised is referred to as fruit
2. More blessed to give than receive Acts 20:35
3. Note the attitude of sharing in Acts 2:44,45

E. Involved in good works is bearing fruit Col 1:10

1. Our responsibility to do good to all men Gal 2:10
2. The way we practice pure religion Jas. 1:27

CONCLUSION:

- A. Remember Jesus is the True vine and God is the vine dresser.
- B. It is God that does the cutting away of the branches that are not bearing fruit. Because He alone knows for sure who is and is not bearing fruit.
- C. Those that are bearing fruit he continually cleanses and prunes so that they will bear more fruit.
- D. The question we must first answer is: Have I been cleansed and pruned through the Word that was preached?
- E. Then: Am I bearing much fruit unto God? Only by doing this is God glorified and we prove ourselves true followers of Jesus Christ (Branches in the Vine)