

BEARING SPIRITUAL FRUIT (John 15)

I. WHO GIVES US THE **ABILITY** AND **POWER** TO BEAR SPIRITUAL FRUIT?

John 15:5 "...for without me ye can do nothing."

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

A. We must be **planted** or **placed in** Christ by God the Father

1. Not by **physical** birth but by **spiritual** birth (being born again)
2. Not by the **flesh** but by **faith**
3. Not by **our** works but by **the finished work** of Christ
"Jesus Paid It All"

B. We must **depend upon** Him continually to bear fruit

Gal. 3:3 Are ye so foolish? having **begun** in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

II. WHAT **KIND** OF SPIRITUAL FRUIT DOES CHRIST WANT US TO BEAR?

A. We are to bear the fruit of **the Spirit** (gifts by living in the Spirit)

* Galatians 5:22-25

B. We are to bear the fruit of **lost souls** won to Christ

* Romans 1:13 Philippians 4:17 John 4:36

C. We are to bear the fruit of **righteousness living**

* Romans 6:22

III. WHAT ARE THE **RESULTS** OF SPIRITUAL FRUIT BEARING?

A. **We** personally grow and flourish (Abiding in Christ and His Spirit abiding in us)

* Psalm 1:2,3

B. We help **others** grow and flourish (Discipleship, mentoring)

* Psalm 128:1-4

C. We help **our church** grow and flourish (Soul winning, faithfulness)

* Psalm 92:12-14