

Love Life Ministry

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What is the Fruit?

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Did you notice on your walk-through John 15:1-7, in [Pruning the Branches](#), how bearing fruit grows? When one receives Jesus, they become a branch that bears fruit. As a person grows in their relationship with Jesus, they bear more fruit. Then, at the point where a Believer recognizes that apart from Jesus, they can do nothing, he or she bears much fruit.

So, what is the fruit that I am to bear? Verse seven gives the answer, for it tells us that if you abide in Jesus and His word abides in you, you can ask what you desire and you will receive it. Your first action is to accept Jesus as your Savior and Lord. Then, you read God's word and talk with Him through prayer. Being in God's word helps you to grow closer to Him. Through talking with Him you ask what you desire. He gives you your desire because He loves you, not because your performance has earned it.

This same message is given by God through Psalm 23, where it states, "*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*" Some Believers say, "I have asked, but I have not received!" James 4:2-3 has an answer for that statement. It tells us, "*Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.*" Psalm 37:3-4, encourages us to trust in the Lord and do good, dwell where you are and feed on the Lord's faithfulness. By this you will delight in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Galatians 5:22-23 shows us nine fruits that God desires for us to ask. They are the fruit of the Spirit, which include love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Bearing these fruits will bring what you truly desire. In contrast, Galatians 5:19-21, tells us that the works of the flesh, which are fruits of our humanness, are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, and revelries. People who practice such works are the branches which are cut off and thrown onto the fire, as stated in John 5:2 and 6. Those who practice such fruit bearing are not abiding in Jesus and Jesus does not abide in him or her.

Accepting Jesus as your Redeemer and spending time reading God's word is a walk of faith. In Hebrews 11:1, we learn that "*faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*" When we are in the dirt struggling with issues of life, God sees us there as a father

sees His child and a vinedresser sees the branch. In His great compassion for us, He lifts us and washes us with the water of His love through His word. Then through His Holy Spirit, we are reminded that we are righteous; we are His child; and He wants to give us the desire of our heart. Through our turning to Him, He provides the substance of His faith yielding that for which we hoped. This is God's way for us to bear much fruit as a branch abiding in the Vine.

If you have read this article before reading [Pruning the Branches](#), click the title to read it. You can find the article on the Resources page of Love Life Ministry website at www.lovelifeministry.com.

I speak blessings over you that touches you with the healing power of God's love!

Shalom!!

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