

## Bearing Fruit

(John 15:8)

### Introduction:

1. The Bible contains many passages that relate to "bearing fruit."
2. Studying these verses will help us better understand the instruction that Jesus gave to His followers in John 15:8.

### Discussion:

- I. VERSES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT
  - A. "Being fruitful" is first mentioned in connection with populating the earth.
    1. Genesis 1:27-28
    2. Genesis 8:15-17
    3. Genesis 9:1, 7
  - B. A tree bearing fruit illustrates the blessing of a righteous person (Psalm 1:1-3).
- II. VERSES FROM THE GOSPELS
  - A. Bearing the right kind of fruit is an indication that a person has repented (Matthew 3:8).
  - B. Trees that do not bear good fruit will be burned (Matthew 3:10).
  - C. The fruit produced by a tree is an indication of the true nature of the tree (Luke 6:43-45).
  - D. The fruit produced by various types of soil identify the true nature of the soils (Luke 8:8, 15).
  - E. Certain obstacles to bearing fruit are listed in Luke 8:14.
  - F. Even though the Lord is patient, He expects His followers to bear fruit (Luke 13:6-9).
  - G. Jesus cursed a fig tree because it did not bear fruit (Matthew 21:18-20).
- III. VERSES FROM THE EPISTLES
  - A. Bearing "*the fruit of the Spirit*" is an indication that one is walking in "*light*" (Ephesians 5:8-10).
  - B. Hearing the Gospel correctly results in "bringing forth fruit" (Colossians 1:5-6).
  - C. Hebrews 6:4-6 is often misunderstood, but the illustration from fruit bearing in vs.7-8 helps to explain the point being made.

### Conclusion:

1. The Bible has much to say about bearing fruit.
2. Let us benefit from the principles revealed in the Bible to glorify God and show that we are the Lord's disciples (John 15:8).