

A Fruitful Life

"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." John 15:8 (New King James Version)

Isaiah 5:1,2 - God wanted good _____, but He found _____ ones.

Fruitfulness - The Lord's Dream For His People

- A. Psalm 80:8,9 - _____ was compared to a _____ that God had planted. But Israel _____ their responsibility.
- B. Are Christians also expected to be fruitful?
1. John 15:1,2 - A _____ that doesn't _____ fruit is taken _____; fruitful ones are _____ to bear _____.
 2. John 15:8 - When we bear fruit, we show ourselves to be _____'s _____ and we _____ the Father.
 3. Fruitlessness is a tragedy:
 - a. Matthew 21:18,19 - Jesus _____ the fig tree when He found _____ on it but _____.
 - b. Luke 13:6-9 - _____ that don't _____ fruit will not be _____ for long.
- C. The Great Vine was planted in _____. Its vines reach more than _____ feet, and in 1807 it produced more than a _____ of grapes. What could _____ do with a submissive _____?!

A Disciple's Questions About Fruitfulness

- A. **Why is fruitfulness so important?**
1. Genesis 1:11 - Fruit contains the _____ that will help _____ God's will upon earth.
 2. Swindoll - Even _____ cannot ignore the fact that a disciple's life has been _____.
- B. **What is the "fruit" Christ wants us to bear?**
1. Galatians 5:22,23 - Paul lists _____ different _____ to develop.
 2. "Fruit" is _____ whatever God asks us to do.
- C. **Can an ordinary Christian really bear fruit?**
1. John 15:5 - Are there _____ Christians? The key is to be in _____.
 2. When people _____ to God, _____ things can happen!
- D. **Will my meager abilities amount to anything?**
1. Matthew 13:31,32 - A _____ seed led to a great _____.
 2. The _____ is not in the seed or the sower, but in _____.

If we can _____ only _____ life, will it not be worth it?

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