

Produce: Part 4
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DISCUSSION QUESTION: How are you allowing the Holy Spirit to produce fruit in you? How are you not allowing Him to do so?

REVIEW

Producing & being productive is God's idea. God values us being productive. John 15:8
"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." [KJV]

The Spirit Produces:

1. Force (Resurrection Power)

Romans 8:11

2. Freedom

Romans 8:1 – 2

3. Fruit

Galatians 5:22-25

TODAY: The Process of the Produce

John 15:1-9 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

A. _____

John 15:4 "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me."

B. _____

You have got to yield to the Holy spirit and permit him to work in you. Don't get so caught up in the emotional that you miss the impact of the Holy Spirit in your everyday life.

Galatians 5:16-17 ¹⁶“So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. ¹⁷The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires.” [NLT]

When you permit the Holy Spirit to guide your life, he will begin to take things away that no longer serve a purpose in your life.

C. _____

John 15:2 “Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”

In the natural pruning a plant is used to shape it, grow it, and produce fruit in great abundance. The Holy Spirit wants to do the same in us. An apple tree will produce apples regardless because that is its nature, but when it is pruned and cared for the fruit is produced in more abundance

D. _____

John 15:16-17 “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

The Holy Spirit producing fruit in you is not just about you. Ultimately it is about bringing glory to God.

John 13:35 “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

E. _____

John 15:6 “If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.”

Hell is a very real place. The good news is if we persist and permit the Holy Spirit to work in us, He will do in us what we cannot do in ourselves.

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Galatians 5:22-25 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those *who are* Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” [NKJV]

Review: The Spirit Produces:

Fruit of the Spirit is...

Fruit is defined as that which originates or comes from something, an effect, result

If you want good fruit, you must have a good tree!

Matt 12:33 “Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by *his* fruit.” [KJV]

Note: It’s not your fruit but the fruit that the Spirit produces!

Galatians 5:22 “But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us...” [TLB]

The Bible teaches that we are to be fruitful and multiply. Jesus tells us to bear much fruit.

Focus: Let the Spirit Produce Fruit in Your Life!

If you are lacking any part of this fruit; If you are lacking patience, finding a book on patience or a 10-step program is probably just going to frustrate you. Why? Because you are trying to do in the natural what is produced by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit produces the nature and character of Christ!

v25 “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

God desires that we be a people that produce.

Let the Spirit Produce Fruit in Your Life! Pt 2

We are all producing something. (Flesh, or Spirit)

- What we are producing is the result of what are connecting to (Abiding).

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Producing fruit requires

Time - Producing fruit is a process.

Too often we want an automatic response to faith, but faith takes time.

1. Taking time is not permission to be stagnant or unproductive.
2. Taking time shows us It's not automatic.

Ephesians 4:22-24 “that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness” [NKJV]

3. Roots
 - I. Obtains water & nutrients.
 - II. Anchors Tree

Trimming - God prunes us so we can produce MORE

1. God's way is better

v2 “....and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”

Trusting - Trust that God will take you where you NEED to be.

1. Led by the Spirit.

Application:

1. Pursue
 - We must pursue the fruit of the Spirit.
2. Yield
 - Yielding is simply us engaging in the process - taking the practical steps for “your” life
3. Producing/Showing
 - v8 “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”
 - God gets the glory when we produce His fruit.

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