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“Fruit-Bearing”

*“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.”* John 15:5

Three Things We Learn from “Fruit-Bearing”:

1. It brings _____.
2. It shows _____.
3. It is what _____.

*“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.”* John 15:16

Four Kinds of Fruit:

1. The fruit of _____ . (Matthew 3:8)
2. The fruit of _____ . (Galatians 5:22-23)
3. The fruit of _____ .
4. The fruit of _____ . (Luke 13:7)

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Five Keys to “Fruit-Bearing”:

1. I must remain _____.

*“**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.”* John 15:4

*“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.”* John 15:6

2. I must cultivate _____.

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Colossians 2:6-7

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.” Jeremiah 17:7-8

3. I must eliminate _____.

“And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.” Luke 8:14

4. I must cooperate with _____.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 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.” John 15:1-2

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Hebrews 12:11

5. I must wait for _____.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” John 12:24

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