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Week 3—Fruitfulness

Text: John 14:16–17; 15:1–8

John 14:16–17 (NIV) *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”*

John 15:1–2 (NIV) *“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.”*

Intro: God has given us His Spirit so that we will transform into the likeness of Christ. When the fruit of the Spirit comes out of our life, this means the characteristics (character) of Christ begin to flow forth from us.

In Matthew 7:16, Jesus is talking and says, “By their fruit you will recognize them.” The world will only be touched by Jesus because we as Christians get determined to bear good fruit.

Galatians 5:22-25

- The fruit of the Spirit is what makes Christ real to non-believers and should be in every believer's life.
- The fruit of the Spirit is birthed out of difficult times.
- The fruit of the Spirit is the reward of the Spirit life.

The Nine Fruit of the Spirit

Love—an action. 1 Cor. 13:1-8

Joy—Philippians 4:4

Peace—Ephesians 4:26

Patience

Kindness—Ephesians 4:32

Goodness—Psalm 1:1-5

Faithfulness—1 Corinthians 10:13

Gentleness—Galatians 6:1

Self-Control—Proverbs 19:19