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“SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SCHOOL”

(SEARCH, STUDY & LIVE)

TOPIC: SPIRITUAL FRUIT BEARING (FRUITFULNESS)

BIBLE TEXT: John 15:1-8, 16; 2 Peter 1:1-11; Galatians 5:22-25; Mark 11:12-14, 20-21; Psalms 92:11-15; Matthew 7:15-29; Matthew 12:33-36.

INTRODUCTION:

God desires fruitfulness for all His children – unfruitfulness is not of God. God is a thriving and blossoming God and delights to see His own, walk and live in this covenant right. Spiritual growth and fruitfulness are proof of our contact with the Spirit of God with all dedication and devotion. To be born again and Spirit filled is biblical. God hates stagnancy. It is either we are hot or cold, but not lukewarm with God – **Revelations 3:15-16**. For this reason, Jesus cursed the fig tree for having no fruit; and there's scriptural woe on any of who stays at ease in Zion - **Mark 11:12-14, 20-21; Amos 6:1**. God has promised to give every single grass in the field the needed rain for fruitfulness - **Zechariah 10:1**. God pours out His Spirit upon His Children in order that they would be fruitful. I would encourage you to take advantage of this great God given opportunity, in turn fulfilling prophecy as it is written - **Joel 2:28-30; Acts**

1:8; Luke 24:49. It is a great blemish to remain unfruitful in Zion - **Isaiah 4:1; Genesis 29:32; 1 Samuel 1:6; Obadiah 1:17; Hebrews 12:22-24.** This study is to remind us of the necessity laid on us to bear fruit as God's heritage, not any kind of fruit, but after God's image and likeness.

DISCUSSION (Study Analysis):

(1) What does it mean to bear fruit? Matthew 12:33-36; Matthew 7:15-20; Luke 13:6-9; Luke 6:43-45; John 15:8; Genesis 1:11-12.

- a) To reproduce after one's kind or likeness.
- b) To produce good or bad fruit or flower.
- c) To give birth in one's lineage.
- d) To behave in a specified manner.
- e) To yield positive or negative results.
- f) To exhibit a particular behaviour.
- g) To have good or bad results.
- h) Any further reason of what it means to bear fruit?
Contribute.***

(2) Who can bear fruit for the Lord? John 12:24; 1 Corinthians 12:31; Romans 6:6-7, 7:4; 1 John 1:9.

(3) The conditions for bearing fruit; and is bearing fruit an obligatory and or a necessity?

- a) What are the conditions for bearing fruit? **John 15:4-5; 2 Peter 1:5-8.**
- b) Is bearing of fruit obligatory or a necessity? **John 15:16; Colossians 1:10; Romans 7:4.**

(4) Five Phases in fruit bearing - John 15:1-8, 16.

- a) No fruit (bears no fruit) - **John 15:1-2.**
- b) Fruit bearing (bears fruit) - **John 15:1-2.**
- c) More fruit (bears more fruit) - **John 15:1-2.**

d) Much fruit (bears much fruit) - John 15:5, 8.

e) Abiding fruit (Established fruit bearing) - John 15:16.

(5) Kinds of Fruit We Need to Bear Spiritually:

a) Converts (Sinner saved or backsliders restored) - Romans 1:13; John 15:16; Luke 15:3-24.

b) Christian Character - Galatians 5:22-23; 2 Peter 1:5-7; Matthew 23:23.

c) Christian Conduct. The fruit(s) of righteousness (right living and behaviour) - Romans 6:21-22; Philippians 1:11; 1 Timothy 3:15; Romans 14:16-18.

(6) Some likely possible cause for a Christian not bearing fruit – 1 Timothy 5:6; Isaiah 59:1-2; John 15:2; 1 Samuel 2:9b; 2 Peter 1:5-11.

(7) Why must a Christian not be satisfied with being saved alone - John 15:8; Revelation 22:12; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10; Matthew 21:19; Luke 15:7, 10, 22-24; Psalms 92:10-15.

(8) Consequence of not being fruitful - 2 Peter 1:9-10; Matthew 3:7-10; Mark. 11:11-14; John 15:2a.

CONCLUSION:

We have a duty as a part of the body of Christ to be fruitful. God is no respecter of persons and God has saved and sanctified us so that we may be fruitful. Your being fruitful will surely bring good rewards and equally prove that Christ's death and resurrection to make you live and be fruitful was not in vain; and the Body of Christ (the Church) will not be stagnant because of you. Beloved, there is a promised rain for fruitfulness. Ask for it, you can then live a fruitful life. You can seek for the opportunity today in the house of God, the Church of the living God on earth.

MEMORY VERSE:

“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you” **John 15:16.**

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