



Theme :

Delighting the Father as True Worshipers (Part 4)

# *Fruitfulness*



## Daniel 5:24-28, 30

24 Then the fingers of the hand were sent from Him, and this writing was written. 25 “And this is the inscription that was written: **MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.**

26 This is the interpretation of each word. **MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it;**

**27 TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting;** 28 **PERES:** Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.” 30 That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain.



**Daniel 5:27**

**TEKEL: You have been weighed  
in the balances, and found wanting ..**

**We will be weighed!**

**There is a day of accountability  
for how we live our lives!**





# How to be Fruitful - a Spiritual Heavy Weight for the Lord





How to be **FRUITFUL** for the Lord?

- I. Know that as a Child of God, we have right standing with God always.

**Romans 5:17b**

much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.





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## 2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**I am the righteousness of God  
in Christ Jesus**



- I. Know that as a **Child of God**, we have **right standing** with God always.

Get off the “**Performance Treadmill**” mindset:

1. Our prayers and reading of the bible cannot **earn** the grace, favor or the Presence of God.
2. We pray and read the Word for the **purpose** of **strengthening** our relationship with God.





- I. Know that as a Child of God, we have right standing with God always.

Get off the “**Performance Treadmill**” mindset:

3. Our serving God too, cannot earn His love and favor. It is all unmerited and purely by His Grace.

We serve Him because we love Him and desire to be a blessing to others.





- I. Know that as a **Child of God**, we have **right standing** with God always.
4. This is the foundation of **Jesus Christ** in our lives - our salvation by grace through faith.

Ephesians 2:8-9

### 1 Corinthians 3:11

For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.



How to be **FRUITFUL** for the Lord?

II. We're called to be Fruitful in our roles and responsibilities in life as a:

Son	Daughter	Engineer	Uncle
Brother	Husband	Sister	Mother
Father	Nurse	Boss	Cousin
Teacher	Supervisor	Aunt	Wife



How to be **FRUITFUL** for the Lord?

II. We're called to be Fruitful in our roles and responsibilities in life as a:

- Leader
- Taxi-Driver
- Colleague
- Cleaner
- Marketing & Sales-Person
- Man & Woman of God
- Sons & Daughters of God
- Admin Assistant
- Employee
- Student
- Worker
- Neighbor
- etc



How to be **FRUITFUL** for the Lord?

II. We're called to be Fruitful in our roles and responsibilities in life.

1. Bearing fruit.

**John 15:16**

You did not choose Me, but **I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit**, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.



II. We're called to be **Fruitful** in our roles and responsibilities in life.

2. **More** fruit.

**John 15:2**

Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit  
He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit  
He **prunes**, that it may **bear more fruit**.





II. We're called to be **Fruitful** in our roles and responsibilities in life.

3. **Much** fruit.

**John 15:5**

I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, **bears much fruit**; for without Me you can do nothing.







II. We're called to be **Fruitful** in our roles and responsibilities in life.

4. Fruit that will **remain**.

**John 15:16b**

... and that **your fruit should remain**,  
that whatever you ask the Father in My name  
He may give you.





How to be **FRUITFUL** for the Lord?

III. God wants Fruitfulness in 2 major areas in our lives:

1. Christ-likeness.

**Romans 8:29**

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.



III. God wants Fruitfulness in 2 major areas in our lives:

1. Christ-likeness.

**Galatians 5:22-23**

22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.





## 1. Christ-likeness.

1 **Corinthians 13:4-8** (NIV)

**4**Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5**It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6**Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7**It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. **8**Love never fails.





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1. Christ-likeness.

Pruning [John 15:2]

Pruning involves fresh consecration.

Holiness

- *Separation from ...*
- *Separation to ...*
- *What was permissible is no longer so ...*



III. God wants Fruitfulness in 2 major areas in our lives:

1. Christ-likeness.

As we **grow** in Christ-likeness, we will be increasingly a blessing and joy to those we relate to, in our roles and responsibilities in life.

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Matthew 5:13-14 : **Salt & Light**





III. God wants Fruitfulness in 2 major areas in our lives:

2. And good works

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.



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**Hebrews 13:16**

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.





III. God wants Fruitfulness in 2 major areas in our lives:

2. And good works

**Matthew 5:16**

Let **your light so shine before men**,  
that they may **see your good works** and  
**glorify your Father in heaven.**





## 2. And good works

### Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to **preach the gospel** to the poor; He has sent Me to **heal** the broken-hearted, to proclaim **liberty to the captives** and recovery of **sight to the blind**, to set at **liberty those who are oppressed** ...





How to be **FRUITFUL** for the Lord?

IV. Fruitfulness - becoming like Christ and doing good are works.

Our walk and serving the Lord are works that we do.

1. Our works must still depend on the Grace of God.

We begin with grace, we continue in grace.



Our walk and serving the Lord are works that we do.

2. Works involve energy, effort, time and strength.







Our walk and serving the Lord are works that we do.

3. Our works will be judged.

4. Works determine rewards or losses.

## 2 Corinthians 5:10

For **we must all appear** before the **judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done,

**whether good or bad.**



#### 4. Works determine rewards or losses.

##### 1 Corinthians 3:11-15

11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with **gold**, **silver**, **precious stones**, **wood**, **hay**, **straw**, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.





4. Works determine rewards or losses.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

14If anyone's work which he has built on it endures,

he will receive a reward. 15If anyone's work

is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself  
will be saved, yet so as through fire.



#### 4. Works determine rewards or losses.

#### 2 Corinthians 5:9-11

9Therefore we make it our aim/goal, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. 10For we must all appear before the **judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 11Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.





4. Works determine rewards or losses.

James 4:17

Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.





4. Works determine rewards or losses.

Colossians 3:23-24

23And **whatever you do, do it heartily,**  
**as to the Lord** and not to men, 24knowing that

from the Lord you will **receive the reward**

**of the inheritance**; for you serve  
the Lord Christ.







Our walk and serving the Lord are **works** that we do.

5. Our good works, in and of itself, will have its **outcome** in salvation, deliverance, healings and blessings on the recipients.

### **Romans 1:16**

For I am not ashamed of the **gospel of Christ**, for it is the **power of God to salvation for everyone who believes**, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.



Our walk and serving the Lord are works that we do.

6. But, we will personally be judged if we disobey God's specific Word and instructions.

### Matthew 7:22

Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not **prophesied** in Your name, **cast out demons** in Your name, and done many **wonders** in Your name?'

e.g. **Moses striking the rock the second time**



How to be **FRUITFUL** for the Lord?

V. Sow and Reap for a harvest of fruitfulness.

1. Seed-Time and Harvest is a principle of life on this earth [Genesis 8:22].
2. We will always reap what we sow [Galatians 6:7].
3. Only the good ground produces fruit. [Mark 4 - The 4 kinds of Soil]





v. **Sow** and **Reap** for a harvest of fruitfulness.

4. You always reap **more** than you sow.

5. You must sow seed according to the **desired harvest** e.g.





v. **Sow** and **Reap** for a harvest of fruitfulness.

6. The amount of harvest is proportional to the **amount** of sowing [2 Corinthians 9:6].
7. We can sow in **all** kinds of season, even in famine [Genesis 26:12].





- v. **Sow** and **Reap** for a harvest of fruitfulness.
  - 8. We do not live by the world's system or ways, we live by **kingdom** principles.
  - 9. We can appropriate every promise of God by **faith** [Romans 5:2].



V. Sow and Reap for a harvest of fruitfulness.

10. Purge our lives from anything not in line with God's Kingdom values e.g.

A. Bad seed of gossip and slander.

B. Water the good seed for the desired harvest. Live with clean hands and pure hearts.





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## **Towards Greater Fruitfulness**

1. Priestly anointing to minister to God.
2. Prophetic anointing to minister to the Body of Christ.
3. Kingly anointing to minister to pre-believers.





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## **Towards Greater Fruitfulness**

Our Mission Statement

To **Share** Christ as we **Mature** in Him

If you know the Lord is coming back  
very soon, how shall you live?