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“Fruitfulness”

“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)

The Fruitful Vine

John 15:1, 5 – (1) “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. (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.”

Psalm 128:1-6 – (1) “**Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!**

(2) You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. (3) **Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;** your children will be like olive shoots around your table. (4) Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD. (5) The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! (6) May you see your children’s children! Peace be upon Israel!”

<p>God has created the conditions for His People to be Continually Fruitful</p>
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The Sad Poison Berry Song

Isaiah 5:1-7 – (1) “Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. (2) He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. (3) And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. (4) What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? (5) And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. (6) I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. (7) For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of

Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!”

Matthew 21:43 – “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.”

Warnings to the Fruitful

Romans 11:17-22 – (17) “But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, (18) do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. (19) Then you will say, ‘Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.’ (20) That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. **So do not become proud, but fear.** (21) For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. (22) Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God’s kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off.”

Hebrews 12:15 – “See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled”

Wisdom to be Fruitful

Psalm 1:1-3 – (1) “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; (2) **but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.** (3) He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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