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“Fruitful?”

“By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.” (John 15:8)

The Expectation of Fruitfulness

Matthew 3:8, 10 – ⁸ “Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

Matthew 7:19-20 – ¹⁹ “Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.”

Luke 13:6-9 – ⁶ “And (Jesus) told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸ And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹ Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The First Fruit of Faith

Hebrews 11:6 – “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

The Guarantee of Fruitfulness

John 15:5 – “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.”

Psalms 92:12-15 – ¹² “The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. ¹³ They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴ They still bear fruit in old age; they are

ever full of sap and green,¹⁵ to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.”

Jeremiah 17:7-8 – ⁷ “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.⁸ 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.”

Prayer for Fruitfulness

Colossians 1:7-10 – ⁷ “Just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

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Matthew 21:18-19 – ¹⁸ “In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry.¹⁹ And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, ‘May no fruit ever come from you again!’ And the fig tree withered at once.”