



Life in the Vineyard

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Big Picture: You were chosen to deliver good fruit.

Good fruit originates from a perfect source— Jesus.

- In Christ, you've been chosen to be God's friend.
- In Christ, you have special access to receive and know God's unfolding plan.
 - God wants to make Himself known through your life.
- In Christ, you were chosen to glorify God by delivering good fruit.

What does delivering good fruit look like?

Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

- Loving your enemies. (Luke 10:33)
- Seeing people through a heart of love and compassion. (Mark 8:22-25)
- Helping others see people through the same heart.
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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

- Demonstrating kindness, goodness and faithfulness
- Helping others find rest.

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And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Galatians 6:9-10)

- Removing the burdens others are carrying.
- Showing mercy and favor to others.
- Protecting them from greater danger.
- Taking care of their needs. (Luke 10:34-35)
- Being personally responsible for others. (Luke 10:35)
- Demonstrating God's love to others is your most important delivery.

Delivering good fruit in the midst of life's storms

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- Peace and Longsuffering
- Hope
- Gentleness and Self-Control (Matthew 8:1-4)
 - Delivering gentleness means demonstrating a caring spirit and taking the time to serve and help those in need.
 - When you're walking in the Spirit, abiding, you will display and deliver self-control.

How do I start delivering good fruit? (John 5:16-20)

- Abide, Identify and Participate
 - Position yourself to remain in God's presence, hear His voice and respond to his ways.
 - Identify what God is doing around you.
 - Look for opportunities to help, serve, remove burdens, encourage, protect, etc...
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