

FRUIT THAT REMAINS

“GREAT PEOPLE DO REGULARLY WHAT UNDERACHIEVERS DO OCCASIONALLY”

JOHN 15:16

GOD HAS CALLED US WITH A PURPOSE THAT INVOLVES FRUIT BEARING. (EPHESIANS 2:10/PSALMS 139:1-17)

BEARING FRUIT MEANS TO YIELD POSITIVE RESULTS OR HAVE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME. (ROMANS 8:28). IT IS WORK GROWING, BUT OUR LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN!

FRUIT, WE GROW IN OUR LIVES SHOULD REMAIN BECAUSE OF OUR CONSISTENCY.

- *WHY WOULD I PRAY OCCASIONALLY?*
- *WHY WOULD I NOT WANT TO LIVE IN PEACE?*
- *WHY AM I KIND SOMETIMES?*
- *WHY WOULD I LOSE MY JOY IN CIRCUMSTANCES?*
- *WHY AM I SO OUT OF CONTROL IN AREAS OF MY LIFE?*
- *WHY ARE WE SO HARSH MOST OF THE TIME?*
- *WHY DOES MY LOVE HAVE SO MANY STRINGS ATTACHED?*
- *HOW DO I RESPOND WHEN THINGS DON'T GO MY WAY?*

REMAINING FRUIT IS NOT ROTTEN FRUIT! FRUIT THAT IS GROWN ON THE VINE IS ALIVE AND USEFUL FOR OUR LIVES. IN THE SPIRITUAL CONTEX GOD CHOSE US TO BEAR FRUIT TO BE EATEN. WHEN WE LIVE A LIFE OF FRUITFULNESS WE BLESS OTHERS.

WHEN THE LIFE OF CHRIST FLOWS THROUGH US; OUR LIFE BECOMES THE LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT! (1 CORINTHIANS 15:44-46) OUR NATURAL MAN DOES NOT RECEIVE THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD, FOR THEY ARE FOOLISHNESS TO THEM; NOR CAN HE KNOW THEM, BECAUSE THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED.

(1 CORINTHIANS 2:11-14)

THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD. REMAINING FRUIT IS SPIRITUAL FRUIT AND NOT JUST A NATURAL RESPONSE.

PEOPLE HAVE A NATURAL RESPONSE AND A SPIRITUAL RESPONSE!

NATURAL MEN AND WOMEN THINK WE ARE SAVED BY WORKS. BY BEING GOOD PEOPLE. BY NOT BEING LAW BREAKERS. BY KNOWING OF GOD IN A FORM OF GODLINESS WITHOUT LIVING IN RELATIONSHIP. JESUS CAN ALSO BE MY SAVIOR; BUT HE IS NOT MY LORD.