

Day 3: The Fruit Tells the Story

Devotional

You can tell a lot about a tree by looking at what it produces. The same is true for us. When we are genuinely connected to Jesus, the fruit of the Spirit begins to show up in our lives. Love that is patient. Peace that does not make sense given the circumstances. Kindness that costs something. These things do not come from trying harder. They grow naturally when the roots go deep.

But when we are drawing from the world, a different kind of fruit appears. Anxiety, bitterness, selfishness, and short fuses. That fruit is just as natural, just from a different source. The honest question is not whether you are producing fruit. You always are. The question is what kind.

Here is the encouraging part. You do not have to manufacture good fruit. Your job is to stay connected. The vine does the work. As you abide in Jesus, as you spend time in His Word and in prayer, the fruit begins to change. Your family notices. Your coworkers notice. The world around you notices. And that matters more than you might think.

Bible Verse

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." - Galatians 5:22-23

Reflection Question

If the people closest to you were asked to describe the fruit they see in your life right now, what do you think they would say?

Quote

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, produce in me the fruit that only comes from You. Help me to stay connected to the vine so that what grows in my life points others to Jesus. Amen.