

Bearing Fruit

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John 15:1-5

Progression of fruit-bearing:

- No fruit (v.2)
- Fruit (v.2)
- More fruit (v.2)
- Much fruit (v.5)
- Abiding fruit (v.16)

Parable of the Sower

(Matt.13:1-9, 18-23)

What is the fruit (of the word)?

- The new birth (1 Peter 1:23)
- Cleansing and sanctification (Eph. 5:26)
- Freedom (John 8:31, 32)
- Godly character (Gal 5:22, 23)
- Converts (1 Thess. 2:13)

Formula for Fruit-Bearing (Mk. 4:26-28)

- Word + Pathway = No Fruit (Matt. 13:19)
- Word + Stony Ground = No Fruit (Mk. 4:16, 17; Lk. 8:13)
- Word + Thorns = No Fruit (Mark 4:18, 19)
- Word + Good Soil + Endurance = Fruit (Luke 8:15)

Obstacles to Fruit-Bearing

Proverbs 4:23

- Unbelief (Heb. 3:12, 19-4:2)
- Unforgiveness (Matt. 18:34,35)
- Sinful Intentions (Ps. 66:18)
- Worldly Distractions (Mark 4:19)
- Materialism (Mark 4:19)
- Carnal Pursuits (Mark 4:19)
- Bitterness (Heb. 12:15)