



**Text:** John 15:1-9

**Title:** Abiding In His Purpose

**Introduction:** In John 14:30 we see Jesus indicating that His earthly ministry would soon end. With that thought in mind, He had told the disciples that the Holy Spirit would come to be with them. (14:17) Thus, in John 15:4 He says, “Abide in me, *and I in you.*”

**Note** – As a Christian today, I can abide in Christ, and know His indwelling and leading. It is a great joy to abide in His Person. Yet, the more I Abide in His **Person**, the greater my desire to fulfill His **Purpose** in my life.

**Note** – A relationship with Jesus Christ will change your very **purpose** for living.

**Illustration** – 2 Tim 1 – “Called according to the **Purpose** of God.”

**Note** – In a larger sense, we are all called according to the purpose of God...

**Note** – Have you come to the place in your Christian life when you can say, “Lord, I no longer want to live for my own gratification and pursuits, but I want to have your purpose flow through me – that my life may bring forth the fruit of your presence?”

## **I. The Purpose Of The Abiding Christian – vs. 2/16**

**Note** – The emphasis of this passage is on bearing fruit.

### **A. God’s Purpose For My Life Is That I Will Bear Fruit.**

#### **Titus 3:14**

*14 And let our’s also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.*

#### **Turn to: – Psalm 1:1-3**

*1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.*

*2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*



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*3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

**Note** – Abiding in Christ and His Word is to be planted by the River of living water – The Result is Fruit-bearing.

## **B. Abiding In His Person Will Lead Me To Know and Fulfill His Purpose**

**Psalm 92:13**

*13 Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.*

*14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing.*

## **II. The Product Of The Abiding Christian – vs. 4-5**

**Note** – What specifically is meant by “Fruit Bearing”?

### **A. The Fruit Of The Spirit**

**Note** – If God’s Holy Spirit flows through you – like the sap flowing from the vine to the branches – you will bear fruit in your Character.

**Turn to: – Gal 5:22**

*22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.*

1) Love – *Agapi* Love, Placed By God (1 Cor. 13 – Endures All Things)

2) Joy – Not Happiness – But inner spiritual Joy

3) Peace – Tranquility of mind – From God, not pills

4) Longsuffering – Steadfast under Pressure

**Illustration** – How can one man stay faithful while another gets bitter and quits? – One is Abiding in Christ?

5) Gentleness

6) Goodness

7) Faith

8) Meekness

9) Temperance – Self Control

**Note** – The need of the world today is Jesus! The need of the Church is to Abide in Him!

## **B. Bringing Others To Christ**

### **Prov 11:30**

*30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.*

**Note** – You cannot abide in Christ without wanting to see others saved!

### **Psalm 126:5-6**

*5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.*

*6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.*

**Illustration** – The soulwinning programs provide an opportunity for fruit bearing.

**Illustration** – Church attendance is not fruit bearing.

**Note** – Not everyone will produce the same amount of fruit...

## **III. The Praise Of The Abiding Christian – vs. 8**

**Note** – A Christian who Abides in Christ will bring glory to the Heavenly Father – Our praise will be deflected to Him...

**Note** – The Chief end of man is to Glorify God...

**Illustration** – We do not win souls, give offerings, build buildings to glorify ourselves!

**Note** – The more spiritual fruit we bear – The more we glorify God!

### **A. Individually**

**B. As a Church** – Bearing Fruit and Winning Souls – God receives glory!

“Praise God from whom ALL blessings Flow!”



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**Conclusion – Christian:** Our purpose in this life is to bear spiritual fruit. Faith without Works is dead.

**Others:** No spiritual fruit – means, you may need to be saved – enter into a relationship with Christ!

**Matt 13:23**

*23 He that received seed into good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it, which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundred fold, some 60, some 30.*