

## APPOINTED TO BE FRUITFUL

I've been appointed by God to be fruitful!

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ Our culture and society typically measure productivity, growth, and fruitfulness in the amount of material wealth, prestige, celebrity, influence, fame, and power that a person accumulates.
- ❖ But as we consider what it means to be APPOINTED TO BE FRUITFUL, it is important to note that the fruitfulness scripture speaks of is not human. Rather, it is divine in nature and has eternal implications.
- ❖ At its core, fruitfulness in the biblical context relates to an internal transformation experienced by an individual through their engagement with Jesus that results in a positive, productive, helpful, valuable, beneficial, and godly influence on others.
- ❖ Genesis 1:27-28 tells us that in the beginning we were created to "...be fruitful and increase in number; [to] fill the earth and subdue it..."
- ❖ Humanity's capacity to be fruitful was fueled by the power of God operating in their lives. When God created Adam and Eve, He blessed them and expected them to be fruitful (v. 28).
- ❖ But, as we see in Genesis 3, Adam and Eve disobeyed the Word of God, which caused sin to enter the world.
- ❖ We then see recorded in Genesis 4-6 an increasing level of human depravity, from Cain killing his brother Able (Gen. 4:8) to the world becoming so full of evil, where "...every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time" (Gen. 6:5).
- ❖ It was in this climate that we are introduced to Noah, a man who found favour in the eyes of the Lord (v. 8).
- ❖ God judged that evil world through the flood while simultaneously making salvation available through the Ark Noah built in obedience to God's Word.
- ❖ After the flood, even though humanity possessed a sinful carnal nature, God still blessed Noah and his family by placing His divine favour, authority, and empowerment on them as He instructed them to be fruitful (Gen. 9:1).
- ❖ Today we are without any excuse. We have been appointed to be fruitful and that is what God expects from us.
- ❖ But how do we go about living in our appointment from God to be fruitful? It starts with recognizing the source of our fruitfulness.
- ❖ Jesus uses an agricultural analogy in John 15:1-4 to teach the disciples that *He* is the source of their fruitfulness. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.... Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine..."
- ❖ This is a truth that remains firmly intact today. If we are going to live in our assignment to be fruitful, Jesus must be our source. As He stated in John 15:4, "Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."
- ❖ The way that we remain in Jesus is to allow His Word to remain in us (v. 7).

### KEY SCRIPTURE: John 15:1-16

(all scripture in NIV unless otherwise noted)

- ❖ The Greek word (μένω menō) translated as 'remain' means "to stay, remain, live, dwell, abide; to be in a state that begins and continues."
- ❖ Jesus is not simply speaking about hearing His Word and agreeing with it or just believing it for a short period of time. He is speaking about receiving His Word and allowing it to stay—remain, dwell, live, abide—within us.
- ❖ Fruitfulness is about how we are transformed by the character of God and how we impact others through the character of God at work within us.
- ❖ As we are transformed by the Word of God and the Spirit of God at work within us, we are empowered to be fruitful (see John 1:1). We are fruitful when:
  - We respond with the love of God when others expect us to be difficult or unkind;
  - We encourage or comfort someone with the Word;
  - We intercede in prayer on someone's behalf;
  - We extend a helping hand in Jesus' name;
  - We encourage someone to give their life to Jesus.
- ❖ We need to recognize that the God who appointed us to be fruitful is the all-powerful King of the universe.
- ❖ Jesus not only appointed us to be fruitful, but He also appointed us to bear an abundance of fruit (see Jn. 15:8). When we live in our appointment to be fruitful, we glorify God.
- ❖ "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you" (Jn. 15:16).
- ❖ We did not choose Jesus; Jesus chose us and appointed us to be fruitful.
- ❖ Jesus declared that when we allow the power of God to be at work in us to bless others for His glory, we ourselves have the promise of answered prayers.
- ❖ So, let us be transformed by the character of God and impact others.
- ❖ Let us all live in our God-ordained appointment to be fruitful!

### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Read John 15:1-8 and Luke 13:6-9. In your own words, what does it mean to "bear fruit" or to "bear no fruit"?
2. How does one become fruitful? Provide scripture (i.e., Titus 2:7, Colossians 1:10, etc.).
3. What is the outcome of those who do—or do not—bear fruit (e.g., John 15:2, 5, Galatians 2:20, Matthew 13:22, etc.)?
4. Take time to pray, asking God to make you fruitful.

### PRAYER TIME

Lord, help me to remain in You as You remain in me. Prune me, so that I may be bear fruit. Amen.

Start-up: What is your favourite fruit? How do you know when it's the right—or wrong—time to eat it?

## WEEK OF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

- ✓ (Reminds me/Confirms)
- 💡 (New idea)
- 🗨️ (Think about)
- 👉 (Do this)
- ❤️ (Speaks to my heart)
- 🔗 (Must share)

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### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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**PRAYER FOCUS: F. S. Families: for love, unity, health, financial blessings, worship in our homes, etc.**

**24-hour Prayer:** Daily;

**Daily Devotions: Monday - Friday @ 6:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.;**

**Departmental Prayer: Every Thursday** (please check schedule)  
**Corporate Prayer: Every Friday @ 7:00 p.m.** (and in person every second Friday @ 9:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.).

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **MONTHLY LEADERS' MEETING**

Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 @ 1:15 p.m. in the Upper Chapel.

##### **FYYA NIGHT**

Date: Friday, February 27th, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

(Please note that 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. will be a special service. Parents are welcome.)

Location: Main Sanctuary

Contact: Pastor Dan Peel or Sis. Naomi Kovach



#### **FAITH SANCTUARY WEEKLY SERVICES**

**Sunday Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.**

(Listen via phone: 1-844-268-4848)

**Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.**

(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

**Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.**

(In person and via Zoom)

**Friday Evening Service @ 8:00 p.m.**

(In person and via Zoom)

**Life Group Meetings – individually scheduled**  
(see ushers for information)

## **FAITH FOUNDATIONS**

### **GOD**

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

### **GOD'S WORD**

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

### **GOD'S CREATION**

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

### **HUMANITY'S FALL**

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

### **THE GOSPEL**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

### **OUR FAITH RESPONSE**

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

### **CHRIST'S RETURN**

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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*John 15:1, 4-5 (NIV)*

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