
HOW TO HAVE A FRUITFUL LIFE

Colossians 1:10

INTRODUCTION

Paul's prayer for the church at Colosse included the challenge to be fruitful. It's a call for spiritual action all of us must heed! In fact, being fruitful is the very reason God has allowed us to remain on earth following our salvation!

I. WHAT DOES THE WORD "FRUITFUL" MEAN?

- A. "Conducive to _____; causing to bear in abundance." *--American Heritage Dictionary*
- B. The word fruit is often _____ figuratively in Scripture:
1. Human _____ – Genesis 30:1,2; Exodus 21:22; Psalm 127:3
 2. Consequences for _____ – Proverbs 1:31; 31:16; Isaiah 3:10; Jeremiah 17:10
 3. A person's _____ – Proverbs 12:14; 18:20; Hebrews 13:15
- C. The word is used _____ in Scripture for:
1. The _____ fruit of a Christian: Evangelism – Proverbs 11:30; Romans 1:13
 2. The _____ fruit of a Christian: Spirit fulness – Galatians 5:22,23; Romans 7:4
 3. The _____ of a Christian: Righteousness – Psalm 1:1-3; Proverbs 12:12; Philippians 1:9-11

II. WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT A FRUITFUL LIFE?

- A. A fruitful life is _____ on God's _____ – Proverbs 8:1,6,10,11,19; James 3:17,18
- Wisdom is seeing and _____ life from _____ perspective – Proverbs 1:5,7

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- B. A fruitful life _____ not to _____ – Proverbs 10:16; 11:18,19
- Sin is _____ what we should _____ do – I John 3:4
 - Sin is _____ to do what we _____ do – Romans 3:23
- C. A fruitful life is _____ by our _____ – Matthew 7:17-20; Luke 6:43-45
- The “heart” is the _____ part of man – Proverbs 4:23; 23:7,17
- D. A fruitful life is one which dies to _____ and lives for _____ – John 12:23-26; Galatians 2:20; 5:24
- E. A fruitful life is a life which is _____ on _____ – John 15:1-5
- Through Christ we can _____ all that He _____ – Philippians 4:13
- F. A fruitful life bears _____ fruit – John 15:16; Philippians 4:15-18

III. WHAT STEPS CAN WE TAKE TO PURSUE AND PRACTICE A FRUITFUL LIFE?

- A. Each and every day, seek to _____ God – John 15:8; I Corinthians 6:20
1. Live _____ – I John 1:8,9; Romans 6:12-14
 2. Practice _____ – Luke 18:1
 3. Read and obey _____ – II Timothy 3:16
 4. Faithfully _____ God's house – Hebrews 10:25
- B. Make _____ to God a regular part of your day – Hebrews 13:15
- C. Determine to _____ your _____ bearing _____ for the Lord – Psalm 92:12-15

“You can only give fruit to others when you are living a fruitful life inwardly.”

--John Maxwell