

WHAT THE GARDENER'S LOOKING FOR

The Mandate of Fruitfulness

John 15:1-17

PRINCIPLE: Every Christian, having been chosen, has also been commissioned or “*appointed.*” (v.16)

Note the three anticipations or expectations that follow our appointment:

1. Be in your _____
_____ - *you should go*

Be a _____

2. Be _____
_____ - *you should bear fruit*

Be a _____

3. Be _____
_____ - *your fruit should last*

Be a _____

RESPONSE (Be “*doers*” of the Word and not hearers only – James 1:22)

- * Where are you in God's developmental process in your life?
- * What's the next step for you?

Questions for personal reflection & small group study:

Scripture text: **John 15:1-17**

1. According to John 15:16, what's the first thing that has to be true of you if you are going to 'be fruitful'?
2. What two things has Jesus chosen to be true of each of us?
3. Where or who makes up your 'sphere of influence'? ...or...Where has God placed or parted you?
4. If you are a disciple, what is Jesus expecting you to 'produce'?
5. What is the evidence of 'fruit that will last'? What does that look like?

COMING UP:

The Means [3/20], *Measure* [3/27] & *Manifestation* [4/3] of *Fruitfulness*

From TRUTH through TRACTION to TRANSFORMATION:

What did God say to you today?

What will you do about it?

With whom will you share this...and when?

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