

THE MEANING AND MISSION OF FRUIT BEARING

JOHN 15:1-17

A. What is the meaning of fruitbearing?

1. Is it the fruit of the Holy Spirit? *Gal 5:22*
2. Is it the fruit of evangelism?
Lk. 19:10; 1 Tim 1:15; Acts 20:24
3. Is it the fruit of discipleship? Yes, indeed!
Matt 28:19, 20; Jn. 15:8, 16, 20, 27

B. What is the mission of fruitbearing?

1. The mission is for everyone, all inclusive. *vs. 2*
2. The mission is relentless. *vss. 2, 5, 8*
3. The mission deals with words. *vss. 3, 7, 20, 27*
4. The mission finds its source and reliance in Jesus. *vss. 4 - 7*
We will not witness about anyone we do not know. Do we really know Him?
5. The mission is enveloped in Love. *vss. 9 - 15*
6. The mission is discipleship, making fruit after our own kind—
Christians. The fruit is external, to be sure. It is not the inward quality
of the branches— but fruit on (outside) the branches. The salvation
of this lost world is the main event! Reproduction and growth of the
family of God is clearly seen as a metaphor in relation to our own
families— reproduction and growth. We both reproduce and insist
that they follow the head of the family— Christ/ dad.
vss. 8, 16; Lk. 19:47; Acts 17:11; 19:10; 20:31-32