

“Go and Bear Fruit”

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[John 15:1,2,4,8,16](#)

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last..."

[2 Cor 5:19-20](#)

19... [Christ] has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

Jesus says that...

1. **YOU HAVE BEEN HAND-PICKED BY HIM**

v. 16a “You did not choose me, but I chose you”

Jesus says that...

2. **YOU HAVE BEEN PICKED FOR A PURPOSE**

v. 16b “[I] appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.”

The only fruit that truly lasts is the Good News of Jesus Christ

[John 4:13-14](#)

13 [Jesus told the Samaritan woman] “Everyone who drinks this water (physical water) will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give him (spiritual water) will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

Jesus says that...

3. **HE IS THE SOURCE OF GOOD FRUIT**

v. 4 “Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”

[Luke 10:1-3](#)

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. 2 He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. 3 Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.”

Jesus says that...

4. **GOOD FRUIT BRINGS GOD GLORY**

v. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.