

PRODUCING GOOD FRUIT
DEEPLY ROOTED – Part 7
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Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing. **Ezekiel 47:12 (NIV)**

**Fruit is the Evidence of my Identity as a
Follower of Jesus Christ.**

You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions. **Matthew 7:16-20 (NLT)**

Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. **Matthew 3:8 (NIV)**

When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father. **John 15:8 (NLT)**

WHAT DOES GOOD FRUIT LOOK LIKE?

1. ...Fruit that Develops my Character.

A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad. **Matthew 12:33 (NLT)**

Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. **Galatians 5:25 (NLT)**

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! **Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)**

2. ...Fruit that produces Good Works.

So, my dear brothers and sisters, this is the point: You died to the power of the law when you died with Christ. And now you are united with the one who was raised from the dead. As a result, we can produce a harvest of good deeds for God. **Romans 7:4 (NLT)**

3. ...Fruit that Impacts Others.

Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better. **Colossians 1:10 (NLT)**

Always let others see you behaving properly, even though they may still accuse you of doing wrong. Then on the day of judgment, they will honor God by telling the good things they saw you do. **1 Peter 2:12 (CEV)**

4. ...Fruit that has an Eternal Impact.

You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. **John 15:16 (NLT)**

And I will rescue you from both your own people and the Gentiles. Yes, I am sending you to the Gentiles to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in me. **Acts 26:17-18 (NLT)**

Will there be anyone in heaven because of me?

How will I use my life to help and bless other people?