



**Series: He Has Made Everything Beautiful**

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He Has Made Everything Beautiful In Its Time

## **BEAR MUCH FRUIT**

**SCRIPTURE:** GENESIS 41:50-52; JOHN 15:1-4

**key theme:** As we remain connected to God, God produces fruit through us in spite of our surrounding environment.

- 1) **To bear fruit is to yield the expected results of the lifestyle as a disciple of Christ.**
  - a. The fruit of the kingdom of God reproduces in others and produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
- 2) True fruitfulness is **measured by the source of nourishment**, not solely by the surrounding environment.
  - a. While our surrounding environment can affect the effort required to produce fruit, it does not solely dictate whether or not we will produce it.
  - b. We cannot allow the unfairness in the natural order to determine whether or not the promises of God will come to pass.
  - c. The source of our nourishment becomes the ultimate factor in fruitfulness.
- 3) Fruitfulness comes with **uprooting and pruning**.
  - a. One of the difficulties with walking in fruitfulness is that the process includes uprooting and pruning.
  - b. God, the Father, is our gardener. He uproots and displaces some of the soil in order to plant us firmly and prunes branches that are bearing fruit.
- 4) You must **remain deeply rooted** in order to bear much fruit.
  - a. There are distinct seasons that God has ordained – planting, growing, maturing, and harvesting.
  - b. One of the challenges to the body of Christ is perseverance (in each season, continuing the process of bearing fruit).
  - c. Staying connected to God (the source of nourishment) is the only way that we will continue to bear fruit in the various seasons of our lives.

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