



Life on the Vine
“Fruit, More Fruit, Much Fruit”
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By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit,
and so prove to be My disciples. John 15:8

- 1. The Fruitful Life is a life of prayer.**
- 2. The Fruitful Life is a life of love.**
- 3. The Fruitful Life is life of joy.**

- The source of this joy is Christ Himself.
- The nature of this joy is unsurpassed.
- The experience of this joy is not dependent upon circumstance.

4. The Fruitful Life is a life of mission.

- The basis of our mission is His calling and intention.
- The aim of our mission is externally-focused.
- The provision for our mission is bold prayer.

For your LIFEGROUP:

1. Share the greatest experience of joy you’ve had in the last year.
2. What is the difference between joy and happiness?
3. How is joy sustained in a variety of life experiences? (see John 15:5 and Galatians 5:22,23) (Now see James 1:2ff.)
4. How can you personally become for “externally focused” in your life mission? How about your LIFEGROUP? Our church?
5. As you look at the four characteristics of a Fruitful Life, which needs most encouragement to grow on your branch? How will you make that happen?
6. Pray for one another, to abide in the vine.