

A Disciple Bears Fruit

John 15:7-9, 16-17

Review

A disciple...

- Loves the Truth
- Lays a Foundation
- Denies Themselves
- Is Filled With the Spirit

The “Barrenness” of American Christianity

A lot of Christians need the barren woman stigma! (Isa. 54:1-8; Gal. 4:27)

- We have been given an anemic version of Christianity that requires little of us and gives less back.
- I John 2:12-14
 - “children”: forgiven
 - “young men”: overcome the enemy
 - “fathers”: reproduce the life of God in others

The Key to Bearing Fruit

- Found in one word: love
- Verse 9
- The prophet Isaiah tells how God will become intimate with us, and the reproach of being barren will be gone.
- Isa. 54:4-5 4 *“Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; For you will forget the shame of your youth, And will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore. 5 For your Maker is your husband, The Lord of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.*
- Verse 12 & 17
- John 13:35 *“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*
- If you start walking in love, you will bear fruit!
 - Love from God
 - Love for God
 - God’s love through you

God wants to empower you to leave a legacy

Phil. 4:17 - *Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.*

Prophetic word: some of you have allowed things to 'sever' your connection: bitterness, busyness.