



Kingdom Disciples

**“Heaven’s Representatives
on the Earth”**

“A Deep Intimacy”

John 15:1-3, NKJV

- 1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.
- 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
- 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.”

John 15:4-6, NKJV

4 “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

5 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.”

*Jesus says He wants Christians to
be fruitful and productive.*

Three Characteristics of Fruit

- I. Fruit always bears the character of the tree.

The first thing you will discover under the rule of Jesus Christ is that you're becoming more like Him in your attitudes, actions, character and conduct.



Three Characteristics of Fruit

II. Fruit is always visible

You cannot be a disciple if you are an invisible follower of Christ.

Three Characteristics of Fruit

III. Fruit always benefits somebody else.

Jesus wants other people to spiritually benefit from your life.

Spiritual Benefits

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23 gentleness, self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23, NKJV

“If you are a kingdom disciple, you are rubbing off on others.

If you are a disciple, you are making disciples according to Jesus’ specifications and standards.”

Specifications and Standards of a Discipleship

- ❑ Disciples are followers of Christ who lead by following his example.
- ❑ Disciples refer to anyone studying under, and trying to emulate, a valued teacher.
- ❑ Disciples are known by the love they have one for another.
 - ❑ Disciples live a life of discipline.

Spiritual Maturity

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

Hebrews 5:12, NKJV

Spiritual Maturity

13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Hebrews 5:13-14, NKJV

Abiding = Deep Intimacy

“Abiding is the key to fruit. Fruit is the key to development . Development is the key to discipleship. Discipleship is the key to kingdom authority.”

Dr. Tony Evans

John 15:7-8, NKJV

7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.