



Bear Much Fruit

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“My Father is glorified when you bear much fruit: it is then that you become my disciples.” (Jn. 15:8)

The purpose of human creation is to glorify God (Col 1:16, 1 Cor. 10:31)

How is God glorified in our lives? When we: die to selfishness, die to sin and are filled with unselfish love for anyone and everybody. When we are filled with that love for: the poor, the suffering, the broken hearted, the left out, the forsaken, the sinners, the unbelievers and the despised. A love that will be paid back only in heaven-loving our enemies, the poor and giving up our own convenience and comforts for the healing and salvation of others. A love for small children who are not looked after, for unwanted children, for the unborn and the would-be aborted children. Our model and ideal for this kind of love are the martyrs who died for Jesus for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Jesus suffered and died for others. St. Francis of Assisi left away all the riches of his parents and embraced poverty. All the saints of the Church did similar sacrifices.

We Are to Become Holy

“But I am merciful to the thousandth generation to those who love me and obey my commandments” (Deut. 5:10)

Through the obedience of Abraham, all generations were blessed. “Unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” (Jn. 12:24). “If you remain in me and my words in you, you may ask whatever you want and it will be given to you” (Jn. 15:7). Work motivated and sustained by the Word of God will bear better and greater fruits (results); it will have more lasting continuity. It is not human intelligence and ability which bring safety, security and fruitfulness to any endeavor. It is the Will of God, the plan of God and the Word of God which bring fruitfulness, effectiveness and continuity. So cling to what is the Will of God in your life and obey and be guided by the inspirations of the Holy Spirit.

The Call of the Apostles and of the Whole Church

This call is “to be with Him, and to be sent out to preach and to cast out demons” (Mk. 3:14, 15). So Jesus calls every one, (Jn. 7:37, 38) “If anybody is thirsty, let them come to me and drink. Rivers of living water will flow continuously from them to others.”

- 1 Cor. 6:17 “But anyone united to the Lord, becomes one spirit with Him.” Such people will have a continuous concern, care and prayer for the salvation of others.
- 1 Tim. 2:4 God desires everyone to be saved.
- 2 Peter 3:9 God does not want anyone to perish.

Hence this care, charity and continuous prayer will shower upon humanity, gifts

of the Holy Spirit, they in their turn will pray and work for the salvation and healing of the whole of mankind.

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God creating Adam and Eve told them His divine plan about them. “Increase and multiply and conquer the earth” (Gen. 1:28). Jesus, at the end of His earthly ministry, told all of his followers, “Go and preach the Gospel to all creatures.” “Make disciples of all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teach them whatever I have taught them” (Mk. 16:15, Mt. 28:19).

Jesus gave his disciples great authority to cast out demons, to heal the sick and to perform miracles in His name and also to speak in new tongues (Mk. 16:17,18). The very purpose of the call of the disciples was to go out and produce fruits. “You have not chosen me, but I chose you, and appointed you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last so that the Father will give you whatever you ask Him in my Name.”

Prayer

Most Loving Father in heaven, Father of the whole of mankind, you have loved us with an eternal love. When mankind sinned instead of punishing them, you allowed your only begotten Son, Jesus, to take up the punishment upon His body on the cross. Thank you Jesus, for your death on the cross for our sake.

Jesus, be the Lord and Master of my life. Jesus, according to your promise fill me with Holy Spirit. Let the Holy Spirit take full control over my life, my purposes and relationships. Let the Holy Spirit guide every step of my life, so that I can glorify God by producing fruits in the Kingdom of God to gain so many who may be unbelievers or living in sin-- to gain them for the Kingdom of God.