



## I. INTRO

A. Theme for 2026 has been: Planted, Growing, Fruitful

- **What does God care about?** Sometimes we're measuring and chasing things that God isn't measuring

**John 15:8 (NLT) When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.**

B. What's so important about fruit?

- Fruit proves something, it reveals something, it tells a story

**John 15:1-5 (NLT) "I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. (Fruit is not manufactured.)"**

- The Father is glorified when the life of Jesus becomes visible in His people

C. Fruit tells the truth

**Matthew 7:20 (NLT) Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.**

## II. EVERY CURRENT PRODUCES FRUIT

A. Under the influence

**Ephesians 2:1-2 (NKJV) And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,**

- Before Christ we were drifting with the current of the age
- Paul is saying that culture has a current, this and every age has a current
  - The question isn't if you're being influenced but, what or who is influencing you?

B. Two currents

**Ephesians 5:18 (NLT) Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,**

- Paul is contrasting two controlling influences that will eventually produce fruit in our lives



C. The flesh and the spirit, two currents that produce fruit

**Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT)** When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

**Galatians 5:22-25 (NLT)** But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

- Salvation is proof you'll get into heaven, fruit is proof that heaven got into you

D. This is why God cares about fruit

- The fruit of the Spirit is visible evidence that an invisible Kingdom is taking root inside a human life

### III. PROVE IT

A. **Show me the receipts**

- A receipt proves a transaction occurred, it proves ownership

B. The proof is in the fruit

- Fruit is evidence, proof, tells a story, reveals a source. Fruit reveals a connection

C. Don't lose your fruit

- If someone examined the fruit of your life... What would it reveal?