

Bearing Fruit

(Luke 13:6-9)

- Introduction:
1. Christians must bear fruit if we expect to be acceptable to God.
 2. But sometimes, I think we have a very narrow scope of what it means to “bear fruit.”
 3. This narrow vision has caused some to feel barren and unproductive.
 4. The intent of this lesson is to demonstrate that we need to bear fruit and that we may be bearing more fruit than we have realized.

I. Christians Have an Obligation to Bear Fruit

- A. (Luke 13:6-9).
- B. (Romans 7:4).
- C. (John 15:1-6).

II. Ways in Which We Bear Fruit

- A. Exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22).
- B. The fruit of Holiness (Romans 6:20-22).
- C. The fruit of the Lips (Hebrews 13:15).
- D. The fruit of divine wisdom (James 3:17).
- E. The fruit of good works (Colossians 1:10).
- F. The fruit of sharing (Philippians 4:13-17).

- Conclusion:
1. The scope of bearing fruit is much broader than replicating disciples.
 2. God is a God of small things (Haggai 2:3; Zechariah 4:10).
 3. While bearing fruit is easier than maybe we thought, it is not accidental; it requires selflessness (John 12:24).