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Bearing Fruit

John 15:2 speaks about being pruned. We've been forgiven but we have to bear fruit. The extra bundles*** are superfluous. In John 15 we see what is essential for growth, for bearing fruit. We see what restores our souls, pruning is essential for growth. The cutting off of extra branches causes growth for the other branches because nourishment is more concentrated. It makes the remaining branches grow better fruit, makes them grow higher because energy goes to the branches making them grow higher. People have been cut off in the community so the tree of community can grow higher and higher. Superfluous branches are cut off so the tree can grow higher.

In order to be productive a branch must submit to pruning that benefits a disciple of our Father. Hebrews 12:10-11 If we're not pruned or disciplined we will not share in His holiness. You can see the bad and the good fruit, the fruit of righteousness comes forth. John 15:4-5 We must maintain communion with the vine in order to bear much fruit. If we are abiding in the vine Yahshua causes us to do good. John 15:8 We abide in the vine in order to bear much fruit. If we aren't abiding in the vine we will not bear much fruit or you may not even be a disciple. Revelation 3:4 More were cut off in the first century than those who remained. Less will be cut off now because the Body has developed and we'll make sure no one misses grace. The Father is glorified when we bear much fruit.

John 15:6 Our Master was saying this while Judas was complaining. A fruitless branch doesn't abide in the vine. John 15:7-11 When we abide in Him we do what's pleasing to Him. When we do the things that are pleasing to Him He will do what we ask. The true character of a disciple is when we do the things that are pleasing in His sight when we are alone.

1 John 3:22; 5:15 1 John 5:15 goes with John 15:7-11

It's easy to guard your reputation but be corrupt inwardly, this is hypocrisy. 1 John 5:15 We know He hears us because we are doing what is pleasing in His sight. If we are abiding in Him, having an intimate relationship with Him, then we know He hears us.

John 15:8-10 We demonstrate being a disciple by bearing fruit otherwise we may not be a disciple. Our joy becomes full because we are in communion with Him. Galatians 5:22 We experience joy because we are in communion with Him. His joy is our joy. John 15:11 Our Master is teaching us so we will experience our Master's joy within us. Your joy made full. The definition of an irregular disciple is one who doesn't abide in the vine. Revelation 3:20-21 is speaking to irregular disciples, a lot of them were in the process of being cut off. Revelation 2:26 To overcome and abide in Messiah is to avoid and surmount all those things and accusations that keep us from being a regular disciple. Regular disciples abide in Him, this is normal. A regular disciple bears much fruit. A regular branch bears fruit. An irregular branch doesn't bear fruit. There is something that prevents growth. Irregular disciples are like Judas, never coming under the anointing flow of the Spirit.

Luke 1:35 The Holy Spirit overshadowed Miriam, His seed went into her just like the seed of eternal life went into us. He is the Son of God and we are going to be like Him. The seed of eternal life planted in our heart. The seed must be nourished by each other. We are born from above by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was overshadowing you then the seed was planted in you and sealed with the Holy Spirit. The seed will grow up into eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13 The crux of the teaching is John 12:24 In order to bear much fruit that seed must die to produce the fruit. The seed in fertile soil must find root in us and grow. We have to hate our life in this world. We can't love the world one bit. We follow Yahshua wherever He goes. John 12:26

The Father honors those who serve our Master. John 6:44 We were drawn to Him by our Father. People who aren't really drawn to Him maintain their own mind. Judas kept his own mind, not coming under the anointing. He didn't love Yahshua, Judas had his own agenda. Our Master's love has been put in us, we have His joy, we are in communion with Him. Romans 12:1-2 It is impossible to go away from the sacrifice without being connected to the vine if you have given your body as a living sacrifice. You may prove what the will of God is. Whoever is doing that knows exactly what that will is and accomplishes it. Our mind is renewed and transformed. We offer our bodies as a living sacrifice. Romans 12:1-2 is reasonable. We are no longer to be conformed to this world but be conformed to our Master. Our mind is being renewed. We won't have to stand up twenty years from now and say our mind is not renewed. How can our minds be renewed if we give ourselves to the things of the world? (politics, events, etc.)

When we are in introspection we cannot bear much fruit. If we are connected to the vine then we love our brother. It is not a complicated thing but a simple love affair of the heart. We know we are connected because we have joy. We are outward not inward.