

The Fruit

John the Baptist came as a witness of the Christ.


👉 He said there is one who is coming who will purge the threshing floor and gather the wheat into His barn. And the chaff - He will burn with unquenchable fire

Therefore **BRING FORTH FRUITS** worthy of repentance.

👉 In other words **PROVE** you have repented by your fruits in your life!

He said the axe is laid at the root of the tree
and ready to cut down that tree that does not
bear fruit.

The people said:

 then how do we bear fruit?

To the people he said:

👉 If you have two coats then impart one to him who has none.

To the people he said:

👉 If you have food then do likewise.

To the Tax Collectors he said:

👉 Exact no more than is appointed to you

To the Soldiers he said:

👉 Do violence to no man; be content with your wages and don't accuse falsely.

And what about Jesus.

👉 What did he say about this?

He said:

**A man planted a fig tree in his vineyard. He
came and sought fruit thereon.**

He then said to the keeper:

👉 These three years I came here looking for fruit on this tree and found none.

CUT IT DOWN!

Alas!

**The axe is laid at the root of the tree and ready
to cut it down!**

Jesus plainly said:

👉 My Father is Glorified in that you bear **MUCH FRUIT!**

Jesus made it simple to understand:

☞ Every branch in me that does not bear fruit is taken away and thrown into the fire!

Jesus plainly said for all to hear:

👉 The reason I chose you and ordained you is
so that you should go forth and bring forth
FRUIT!

Where is the FRUIT?

God is looking for FRUIT!

Either make the tree good **AND ITS FRUIT
GOOD,**

👉 or else **MAKE THE TREE BAD AND ITS FRUIT
BAD;**

👉 for a tree is known by its fruit.

Remember!

👉 Every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire

Listen to this parable -



A landowner planted a vineyard; put a fence around it then built a wine press and constructed a watchtower nearby.

He leased the whole operation out to farmers and took a long journey.

When harvest time approached he sent a few of his servants to collect his share of the proceeds.

The farm workers beat up one, killed another and drove off the third with stones.

So the landowner sent a larger more dignified party of men to collect but they were treated in the same way.

Contemplating the situation the landowner decided to send his own son thinking; surely they will respect my son.

When the farm workers saw the landowners son, the future heir of the property; they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him thinking they would possess the property

Think about the situation.

When the owner returns what will he do to those farm workers?

Here is what the land owner will do!

- 1. He will destroy those farmers without mercy.**
- 2. He will then lease out the operation to more respectable men who will give him his share of the proceeds at harvest time.**

So now here we are at the end of this message.

I ask you to look over your life history.

1. Do you see fruit?

2. Have you given the Lord his share of the fruitful crop?

If not you can start now.

Pray a prayer something like this.

Father, I pray today for mercy - compassion and forgiveness over my failure to bear fruit.

My understanding is now open regarding my responsibility to you.

I resolve today to change my attitude, surrender my will and to humble myself before you.

I desire to bear fruit, to be fruitful in my relationship with you.

I desire to return back to you with increase the talents you have imparted to me.

I desire to bear good fruit and that fruit should remain.

I desire to be known by the fruit I bear for you.

Keep you guiding hand upon me Lord and lead me into the way of righteousness.

Open my eyes to see where I could not previously see those areas of my life where fruit is required.

Help me to abide in you as you abide in me that I may bring forth fruit.

Father may you be Glorified as I become fruitful.

Father I pray this prayer in the Name of your Son Jesus.

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