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2026 THEME
Transformed to Bear Much Fruit

THIS WEEK'S STUDY

The Art of Abiding

John 15:1–16

I Introduction

Many believers settle for a regular Christian experience: regular church, prayers, and worship, yet little transformation. Do you want to supersize your Christian experience? Growth and excellence in any area take time, intention, and practice. In the same way, God calls believers to become accomplished at abiding: not settling for routine Christianity, but pursuing a deeply connected, fruit-bearing life in Christ.

II Three Movements of the Study

1 What God Revealed

Jesus teaches that spiritual fruitfulness is not automatic. There are levels of fruit: no fruit, fruit, more fruit, much fruit, and fruit that remains. True fruit is not activity or success but Christ's life reproduced in us for God's glory and the blessing of others.

2 What It Means for Us

Fruit reflects its source. Just as a mango reflects the mango tree, our lives must reflect Christ. Biblical fruit is singular: the unified character of Christ reproduced in us, not a checklist of virtues. Fruit is visible (Matthew 5:14–15) and exists for others: our families, workplaces, and communities. When fruit is disconnected, it rots.

3 How We Are Called to Respond

Abiding is not mere proximity, routine, or religious connection. It is an intentional, intimate, ongoing relationship with Christ. Like fabric fully soaked in dye, believers must remain deeply connected so that Christ's life becomes permanent in them, not seasonal.

THE DANGER OF SETTLING

Terah set out for Canaan but stopped in Haran, became comfortable, and died short of God's promise.

We are called to refuse spiritual settling and shallow Christianity. Jesus' command is simple but demanding: "Abide in Me." This means daily dependence on the Holy Spirit, allowing God's Word to remain in us, shaping our desires, prayers, and character.

III Discussion Questions

1. Which illustration or truth from the introduction challenged you the most, and why?
2. How do Psalm 27:4 and Galatians 5:22–25 help us understand the connection between God's presence, the Holy Spirit, and lasting fruit?
3. What practical change can you make to move from "dipping" to truly abiding in Christ?
4. From your experience, what simple habits or choices can help "supersize" the Christian life by dwelling daily in the Holy Spirit's presence?

MEMORY VERSE

This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples.

JOHN 15:8

✷ ACTION POINT

Read John 15 every day for seven days. Take at least five minutes daily to read slowly, pray, and listen. Ask the Holy Spirit for a personal word (*rhema*), write it down, and intentionally obey what God shows you.

Conclusion

Like Joseph, a fruitful bough (Genesis 49:22, NKJV), when you abide, your fruit will climb over the walls of your circumstances. Stop scrubbing at sin or struggles in your own strength. Remain, dwell, and let the Holy Spirit do the work.