

Rooted

Luke 6:43-45 (TPT)

“You’ll never find choice fruit hanging on a bad, unhealthy tree. And rotten fruit doesn’t hang on a good, healthy tree. Every tree will be revealed by the quality of fruit that it produces. Figs or grapes will never be picked off thorn trees. People are known in this same way. Out of the virtue stored in their hearts, good and upright people will produce good fruit. But out of the evil hidden in their hearts, evil ones will produce what is evil. For the overflow of what has been stored in your heart will be seen by your fruit and will be heard in your words.

Colossians 2:6-7 (ESV)

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Four key areas to be “rooted” to produce healthy fruit

1. Rooted in His Presence

John 15:4-5 (TPT)

So you must remain in life-union with me, for I remain in life-union with you. For as a branch severed from the vine will not bear fruit, so your life will be fruitless unless you live your life intimately joined to mine. “I am the sprouting vine and you’re my branches. As you live in union with me as your source, fruitfulness will stream from within you—but when you live separated from me you are powerless.

James 4:8a (ESV)

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you...

2. Rooted in Community

Acts 2:42-43a (ESV)

And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul...

Acts 2:47b (ESV)

...And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

3. Rooted in Faithfulness

Proverbs 28:20a (TPT)

Life’s blessings drench the honest and faithful person...

4. Rooted in Giving

Luke 6:38 (TPT)

Give generously and generous gifts will be given back to you, shaken down to make room for more. Abundant gifts will pour out upon you with such an overflowing measure that it will run over the top! Your measurement of generosity becomes the measurement of your return.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (TPT)

Here's my point. A stingy sower will reap a meager harvest, but the one who sows from a generous spirit will reap an abundant harvest. Let giving flow from your heart, not from a sense of religious duty. Let it spring up freely from the joy of giving—all because God loves hilarious generosity!

1 Peter 4:10 (TPT)

Every believer has received grace gifts, so use them to serve one another as faithful stewards of the many-colored tapestry of God's grace.