

# FOLLOW ME

John 15:8-17

## FRUIT OF FOLLOWING JESUS

*Being a disciple is a combination of abiding or resting in Jesus and a disciplined, active pursuit of Him. ~adapted from J. D. Greear, January 28, 2024 sermon*

- John 15:4-7, John 15:2-8 Galatians 5:22-23

### 1. Following Jesus produces the fruit of JOY.

A. It is JESUS' joy; HE is the source.

- John 17:13

B. The fruit of joy is LASTING.

C. The fruit of joy is FULL.

- 1 Peter 1:8, Ephesians 3:20, Luke 6:38 ESV

### 2. Following Jesus produces the fruit of LOVE.

A. The fruit of love is OTHERS focused.

*One of the most remarked-upon aspects of the early church was how they cared for one another. If someone spied on your church today, would they remark about the same thing? Or would they say something like, "Behold, how they criticize one another!" "Behold, how they gossip about one another!" "Behold, how polite they are toward one another, but not authentically caring toward one another." ~Tony Merida, Love Your Church. (pg. 76)*

B. The fruit of love is SELF-SACRIFICING.

- Ephesians 5:1-2, 1 John 3:16-17



*The cross shows us that Christian love ... leads to action. Jesus didn't merely say he loved us – he demonstrated it. ~Tony Merida, Love Your Church, page 89*

C. Jesus set the STANDARD for love.

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 ESV

### 3. Following Jesus produces the fruit of a new RELATIONSHIP.

A. The relationship is one of FRIENDSHIP.

B. The relationship is characterized by OBEDIENCE.

- Luke 6:46 ESV

C. The relationship is one of REVELATION.

- John 15:10, 14, Galatians 5:22-23

### 4. Following Jesus produces LASTING fruit.

A. Lasting fruit is more than ACTIVITY.

B. Lasting fruit is produced with PRAYER.

How do I need to respond so lasting fruit will be produced in my life?

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