

Effective Fruit Bearing

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Text: John 15:1-17

Fulfilling All that Israel Failed to Be

- Israel's _____.
- _____ through abiding.
- Fulfilling Israel's _____.

Secrets of Effective Fruit Bearing

- _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.

Assessing Our Fruit

- John's _____ of spiritual health.
- Fruit as defined by Scripture:
 - Redemptive impact (John 4:35-36).
 - Social justice (Isaiah 5:7).
 - Character (Galatians 5:22-23).
 - Miracles (John 14:12).

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What was God's primary purpose in choosing Israel (see Gen 12:1-3)?
- From your reading of the Old Testament, what are some examples of Israel's failure to produce the fruit God desired?
- How did Israel's disobedience prevent them from fulfilling God's purpose for them?
- Have you ever thought of John 15:1-17 as a passage on spiritual warfare (see Jn 14:30)? Why or why not?
- In John 15:1-17, what qualities are touted as actions of spiritual warfare? Have you ever thought of these as part of our warfare? Why or why not?
- Which of the "secrets of effective fruit bearing" is most difficult for you? Why?
- What does God use as an instrument of pruning? How has He used it in your life?
- How does American culture militate against Christian fruit bearing?
- What are you doing to assess your own fruit? What are you finding? What are you doing well? Where can you improve?