

Ladies Studying Jesus Homework – Vol. 8 #8.1

1. God desires fruit from His people. The New Testament illustrates fruit as:
 1. Growth in holiness and obedience
 2. Christ-like character
 3. Christian service
 4. Praise
 5. Witnessing and discipling

Write out 5 verses that express different types of fruit in the lives of Christians.

2. Write out a prayer to God stating your heart's desire to a life of fruit bearing. Fill it with Scripture and Biblical principles. Use nice stationery, or type, and print it off. Put time and effort into the words, thoughts and making of it. Honor God
3. Go on in our study by reading John 15:18-27.

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1. God the Father is the Master Gardener that tends His fruitful vines with precision to promote more fruit. How does He accomplish this? Search the Bible for verses concerning God growing and strengthening His followers.
2. Study John 15:4-8. What keyword is used 7 times? Look up that word in a Bible dictionary and write out the meaning. Rewrite the verse and insert the meaning you found.
3. Make a chart – One side say “Abide in Jesus”; the other side call “Abide not in Jesus”. Under the headings write the consequences for each from these verses.
4. Study John 15:9-12 What keyword is used 7 times? How do you continue in Jesus' love? What are the consequences of continuing in Jesus' love?

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1. Jesus saw His disciples as His friends, but in the mind of Paul, he saw himself as the servant (slave) of Jesus Christ. (Rom. 1:1; Gal. 1:10; Phil.1:1) Paul felt indebted to Christ for life! How do we balance the thought of “friend” and “slave” to Christ?
2. We go on with John 15 and the last two themes of the chapter – Hatred and the Comforter Read John 15:18-27. What did Jesus say is the reasons why the world will hate Christians? What is the connection about the Holy Spirit in verses 26-27 to the world hating Christians?

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1. In John 15:18-27, Jesus is revealing to the 11 disciples the hate the world will have for them. He makes it plain that their situation within the world is very serious and even dangerous. This is a theme of the New Testament. Study out these scripture references; write down what is the driving force behind this persecution and hatred.
 - 2 Tim. 3:12; Gal. 4:29; John 17:14; I Peter 4:12-19; Matt. 5:11-12; Matt. 10:22; Matt. 24:9; John 16:1-3
2. Have you ever felt the hate or persecution from unbelievers in the world? If you would share a brief testimony to the situation and how God helped you endure the trial.