

Growing Up (1)



BEING FRUITFUL

It's wonderful to go into a garden where there are fruit trees and pick an apple or another kind of fruit to eat.

💡 What is your favorite fruit?

1. GOD IS LOOKING FOR FRUIT

In the Bible we are told that God is like a gardener who is looking for fruit in the lives of his people. Let's compare the two types of people in Jeremiah 17:5-8

Write your answer to the questions below in the box.

- ✚ What is the first group of people like? V6
How are those who produce fruit described? V8
- ✚ Why is the first group not fruitful? V5
How is the second group able to produce fruit? V7

<i>Unfruitful</i>	<i>Fruitful</i>

- ✚ What kind of fruit if God looking for in our lives?

Romans 7:4 _____

Philippians 1:11 _____

Galatians 5:22-23 _____

We all want this kind of fruit in our lives! But how is this possible?



2. BECOMING FRUITFUL

- ✚ What struggle or difficulty do we all have in our lives?

Galatians 5:17 _____

- ✚ What is our life like when we follow our sinful nature?

Galatians 5:19-21 _____

- ✚ How is it possible to overcome our sinful nature and produce good fruit in our lives?

Galatians 5:16, 18, 24-25 _____

- ✚ What else does Jesus tell us to do if we are going to produce good fruit? What does it mean?

John 15:4-5, 7 _____

† What has God given us to help us obey him and produce good fruit?

2 Peter 1:3-5 _____

💡 Share one thing that has been difficult for you to overcome since becoming a Christian.
What has helped you the most to overcome your old nature?

Each day we need to learn to respond or yield to the Holy Spirit instead of our sinful nature. When we choose to respond to the Spirit, he gives us power to overcome our old nature and do what is right.



3. RESULT OF FRUITFULNESS

† What will be the difference in our lives when we keep responding to the Holy Spirit?

2 Peter 1:8, 10 _____

† What does it prove when good fruit is produced in our lives?

2 Peter 1:10 _____

John 15:8 _____

Matthew 7:17-20 _____

As we continue to respond to the Spirit our lives are changed and we become more like Jesus. This proves that we really belong to him. This brings glory to our Heavenly Father. Now our lives begin to become useful to God – we begin to grow up!



What area do you want God to change in your life right now?
Share and pray for one another.

Memory Verse

“May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation –
those good things that are produced in your life by Jesus Christ -
for this will bring much glory and praise to God.”

Philippians 1:11