

FRUITFUL IN PRAYER
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COLOSSIANS 1:9-10

Jesus must have taught Paul some things about living our lives to please God and being fruitful Christians. Every believer should have a strong desire to do both and become productive fruit bearing branches in the vine.

JOHN 15:1-8

The key to being fruitful is staying connected to the vine. Both the vine and the branch need each other in order to bear fruit.

JOHN 15:7

A productive, fruitful prayer life that glorifies God flows from the vine through the branches. This verse has two parts. The condition and the results, or the cause and effect.

1. “If you abide in Me and My Words abide in you.”
 - A. To abide means to stay connected on a continual basis. To maintain close daily fellowship with the Lord.
 - B. The primary way being to get His Word to abide in us. **PSALMS 1:1-3 (ESV)** The believer disconnects from ungodly counsel and delights in the counsel of God. Where he walks, stands and sits differs from nonbelievers. The results take care of themselves.
2. “It shall be done for you.” Here we have the results, or the effect. Jesus got results the same way.
 - A. **JOHN 11:41-44** – Jesus was never too busy to stay closely connected to the Father by spending time with Him.
 - B. This close connection produced confidence. He knew He was heard and He knew the outcome.
 - C. **1 JOHN 5:14-15** – John understood the value of confidence.
 - Confidence: Knowing God heard us and we have it. **HEBREWS 10:35-36**
 - According to His will: We learn God’s will by studying His Word or by revelation of the Spirit.
 - He hears us: We know because we asked according to His will.
 - If we know He hears us: Jesus knew God heard and that Lazarus would rise.
 - We know we have: We know we have it because we know He heard us. We know He heard us because we asked according to His will. We know His will because we’re abiding in the vine.
 - D. Confidence needs patience: Our confidence can be cast away. Our enemy will tell us God didn’t hear us and we don’t have what we asked for. He wants to stop the fruit bearing process. **HEBREWS 10:35-36**

JOHN 15:8

God is glorified when we transact business for Him on earth.

1. **LUKE 5:22-26** – God was glorified when he was healed, not before he got his healing.

A. Answers to prayer and fruit bearing go hand in hand.

JOHN 15:16

CONCLUSION: A fruitful prayer life is the results of staying connected to the vine and allowing the life of the vine to flow into the branches, thereby producing fruit. **ACTS 27:25**