Title: Tasty fruit

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# Fruit, fruit, fruit

# john 15:1-17 (NKJV)

1"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away:[a] and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. 9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.<sup>17</sup> These things I command you, that you love one another.

## How to keep the fruit?

#### philipians 3:9 [NKJV]

<sup>9</sup> and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

#### 1. Hungry for God

#### matthew 5:3 [NKJV]

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed *are* the **poor in spirit**, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

## matthew 5:6 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst** for righteousness, for they will be filled.

#### 2. A consecrated life

#### romans 12:1-2 [NKJV]

<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

#### 3. Loving one another

## hebrews 10:24-25 [AMP]

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider and give attentive, continuous care to watching over one another, studying how we may stir up (stimulate and incite) to love and helpful deeds and noble activities, <sup>25</sup> Not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together [as believers], as is the habit of some people, but

admonishing (warning, urging, and encouraging) one another, and all the more faithfully as you see the day approaching.

# Bear fruit and love

# john 15:16-17 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, that you love one another.

## A lot of joy

# john 15:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.