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FRUIT BEARING

Chapter 15 of John's gospel gives us Jesus' words about fruit bearing. He is the vine, and we are His branches. A branch of a grape vine must bear fruit, or else it is useless [unprofitable]. Verse 8 says that the Father is glorified when we bear a lot of fruit, and it gives evidence that we follow Christ our Lord.

What is this fruit? There are various fruit examples in the word, such as the fruit of the Spirit, but the fruit that most pleases our heavenly Father is found in Hebrews 13:15b. It involves the sacrifice of praise to God, specifically, ***“the fruit of our lips giving thanks [praise] to His name.”***

Nothing is more pleasing to God than our praise offered up to him. Proof of this is found in the Psalms. Psalm 149:6 says, ***“Let the high praises of God be in their mouth [spoken].”*** Psalm 150 is all about praising the Lord. In fact, the very first words of Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149, and 150 are ***“Praise ye the Lord.”***

Not only is it very pleasing to the Lord, but we also benefit. With our praise comes peace, joy, strength, victory, and power. So, never cease to praise God out loud. It must be spoken daily.

Praise the Lord [PTL].