

Fruit Fight: Worries of this Life

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Matthew 24:12

"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

Mark 4:14-20

"The farmer sows the word.¹⁵ Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. ¹⁶ Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. ¹⁷ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ¹⁸ Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; ¹⁹ but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²⁰ Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown."

John 15:8

*"This is to my Father's glory, that you **bear much fruit**, showing yourselves to be my disciples."*

WHAT IS FRUIT?

What we are like

Galatians 5:22-23

"love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control...."

What we do

Luke 6:43-45 (NLT)

"A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. ⁴⁴ A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs are never gathered from thornbushes, and grapes are not picked from bramble bushes.⁴⁵ A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart."

What we reproduce

John 4:35

"Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."

FIGHTING WORRY

Limit Our Input

Matthew 6:34

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. "

Delegate our Burdens

1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you."

Focus on our Future

Romans 8:16-18

"The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. ¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."

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