



# The Narrow Way

## **THE NARROW WAY PART 6 - FRUITFULNESS**

The third part of heaven's divine pattern is 'fruitfulness'. We as Jesus disciples are to have an abundance of eternal fruit being produced in and through us, as we abide in spiritual fellowship and faith in the Vine, Jesus Christ.

***John 15:8 "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples."***

We don't try to produce fruit and we don't work to produce fruit. The fruit is produced in us and flows forth from us, as we abide in Him.

***John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."***

Jesus' words can't be any clearer than this, and He is clearly telling us how the fruit is produced and how it isn't produced.

The bearing of much spiritual fruit is the proof we are His disciples. If there is no spiritual fruit being produced in and through us, then we prove we are not His disciple. This can be hard to hear but it is the truth. It doesn't mean He doesn't love us; it just means we are outside of His process of life and godliness.

It is more than likely we are a crowd follower; we may go along with Jesus but we're not really following Him or living the way He commands. We are present but not presently present. We're in the general vicinity but we're not abiding in Him therefore, we are void of this spiritual fruit being formed and produced within us.

There is the fruit in us and then there is the fruit through us. We will look at the fruit through us in part 7 where we look at function.

The fruit in us is the fruit of the spirit, to which there is no law, and it is our inner realm which is to be full and overflowing with this fruit.



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***Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."***

Unless we know what it is to worship in spirit and truth as the Scriptures declare, there will be no abiding in Him who is Spirit and who is Truth, leaving us void of spiritual fruit.

The outcome of this will see us trying to enter in and produce our own fruit through our own initiative, the flesh, which profits us nothing.

What does it mean to worship in spirit and truth?

For a person to start to worship in spirit and truth, one must have lost their life for His sake through divine grace or empowerment and received the Holy Spirit implanted in their inner most being.

How can a person who has not lost the control of their own will by the power of the Spirit, which is the control centre of their lives, mind and emotions, be able to come into the richness of life in Christ, who is Spirit and Truth.

Unless a person has lost this operating system of the flesh, one is still trying to come into spiritual fruit through it.

It is fundamentally impossible, hence they are left with the way of man, which leaves us fruitless and and being thrown into the fire, for the purpose of awakening us out of our slumber.

***John 15:6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned."***

God is spirit and all those who worship Him must worship in spirit, if we want to experience His fruit in us, proving we are disciples of Christ. The Scriptures use the words 'true worshippers', implying that there are false worshippers.



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False worshipers are those who have no spiritual fruit because they are trying through their own initiative to produce fruit. This is called worshipping in vain.

Only when we come to God the way God instructs, being crushed of spirit and contrite of heart, losing our lives for his sake, are we then ready to let God be God in our lives, allowing Him to do what He has been commissioned to do, which is perfect this fruit within us.

***Philippians 2:13 “for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”***

***Psalm 127:1 “Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain.”***

## QUESTIONS

1. Why is it the fruit in us, which proves we are His disciples?
2. Why is there no law in relation to this fruit?
3. How does being a worshipper in spirit and truth coincide with abiding in Christ?
4. Being thrown into the fire due to not having any fruit is a good thing. Why is this the case?

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