

## Reproduction #1

**Pray:** Ask the Lord to teach you the secret of reproduction.

**Read:** John 15:1-16; Galatians 5:22-24

**The fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) is Christ's character reproduced in a believer's life. It must be a part of your life if you are to become a spiritual parent. Just as an apple proves the vitality of the apple tree on which it grows, so the fruit of the Spirit proves that you are abiding in Christ. The presence of the Spirit's fruit indicates a healthy spiritual life. Notice in today's passage (John 15) the importance of abiding in Christ. Discover how spiritual reproduction takes place**

1. Why is it important to realize that we didn't choose Christ but He Chose us? (Thought Question)
2. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus chose you to be His disciple?
3. Who was instrumental in helping you make the choice to follow Christ?
4. What can prevent you from producing fruit as a Christian?
5. Why do we sometimes feel so inadequate to be effective ministers for Christ? How can we overcome those feelings?

**The fruit that naturally results from abiding in Christ or walking in the Spirit is both the proof your discipleship and the power to reproduce. Study the apples used in the example at the beginning of this lesson. The apples not only prove that the branch that bore them was in vital union with a strong and healthy tree; they also contain the seeds. The apple is essential for bearing the seeds of reproduction. It is no different in your life. The fruit of the spirit is essential for bearing the seed of God's Word to the soil of humanity. The Word of God is the seed that produces spiritual life (1 Pet. 1:23). The bearer of God's Word must be a believer who possesses the fruit of the Spirit. Without Christ, you can do nothing to produce the fruit of the Spirit, or to reproduce the Christian Life in others.**

6. How can you and God's Spirit weed out the sinful nature and grow the fruit of the Spirit?
7. Which fruits (Gal. 5:22-23) are blossoming in your life. Which are still in bud?

**The fruit of the spirit proves you are a disciple of Christ and enables you to be a disciple maker. A fruitful life bears fruit. Only one who possesses the fruit of the Spirit can properly plant the seeds of the gospel. The apple has within it the seeds of more apples and the person who is controlled by God's Word has within him the seeds of more disciples.**

**Pray together that the Lord will help each of you abide in Christ that you might possess both the Fruit of the Spirit and the seed for more believers.**