

DAILY BIBLE STUDIES

**Fruitful Growth
Part 2**

Monday

This week, we will take a second look at “Fruitful Growth”. We saw last week that those who are Christ’s are slaves and we are to be obedient to the Master. If we miss this simple point, if we don’t answer yes to all His commands, we won’t be producing fruit. John Piper when preaching from this text said - We need to pause and stress this. The Christian faith is not merely a set of doctrines to be accepted. It is a power to be experienced. It is a tragic thing to ask people if they know the Lord and have them start listing the things they believe about the Lord. Brothers and sisters, believing things about Jesus Christ will save anyone. It is divine power that saves. If the power of God does not flow into your life and make you godly, you are not Christ’s. The mark of sonship is divine power. And the mark of power is godliness; which means a love for the things of God and a walk in the ways of God. **Matt 25: 23.**

What did I learn from this study today?

Tuesday

Because our God granted to us a *faith of the same kind as ours* and our salvation is a gift from God, **Eph 2: 8 – 10** and because He has *granted to us everything pertaining to life and Godliness*, Peter now says **2 Peter 1: 5** *Now for this very reason*. The exhortation for fruitful growth begins not with our wisdom, our intentions our thoughts of earning merit but our exhortation begins with *for this very reason*. The reason we are to do what Peter is telling us is because of what God has done. That’s why Jesus said in: **Matt 25: 23** *Well done, good and faithful slave to those who were obedient, who were empowered by God*. Paul does the same thing when he says in **Eph 4:1** *Therefore* and then goes on to exhort the church in Ephesus. What was the therefore, therefore, because of all that God had done for them and because of what God has done **Eph 1: 3 - 10**, obey what is to be said.

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Praise & Prayer	ADORATION Hallowed be Your name. (6:9)	AUTHORITY Your Kingdom come... (6:10)	APPEAL Give us this day... (6:11)	AQUITTAL Forgive us our debts... (6:12)	ASSISTANCE Deliver us from evil. (6:13a)	ADMIRATION For Yours is the Kingdom... (6:13)	Lord's Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

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M a t t e w 6: 9-13

Wednesday

Yesterday we saw the reason to obey and why we are to be fruitful. Today, we will look at a couple words found in verse five which are important. **2 Peter 2: 5** ⁵*Now for this very reason also, **applying all diligence, in your faith supply.*** Diligence is the Greek word *spoudē*, to speed, urge, hasten. It also means to be eager. **Mark 6: 25** and it also means eagerness **Jude 1:3**. This is the believers response to what Peter is going to say but how does it apply to the passage? Last week we saw we were to grow in knowledge to become fruitful, are you eager for knowledge? If so we need to apply. Apply is *pareispheō*; which means to bear alongside or beside. To bring forth something additional, to contribute in addition to, yield more, add to. We are to eagerly bear along side Christ, His knowledge, and His word. This just makes too much sense; *for this reason* (Christ, and what He has done), we eagerly bear alongside Him to produce fruit. The word rendered **supply** (*epichoreō*) derives from the term meaning “choirmaster.” When we grow in knowledge, when we go to Christ in prayer and through His word, when we rely upon His strength – we need to be the choirmaster, the one who then directs or actions.

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Thursday

Yesterday we saw words like applying, diligence and supply and what are the fruits that Peter is talking about: *moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge,* ⁶*and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness,* ⁷*and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.* Paul tells us in **Phil 4: 8** to dwell on similar things, to be pleasing to Him **2 Cor. 5: 9** and how we should walk if believers in **1 Thes. 4: 1**. He also reminds Timothy as well as all believers about the diligence to be found approved. **2 Tim 2: 15**.

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Friday

It is the desire of believers to grow, to produce fruit and follow His words not because of the Law but because of His grace, *for this very reason*. Unfortunately we fall short. When Jesus addressed unbelievers, He said: **Mark 4: 19** ¹⁹*but the worries of the [£]world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.* The truth is, believers do this too! We worry about the world, we don't set our mind on things of the Spirit or on Jesus.

If you don't want this to happen, read **Ps. 19: 10**. Understand these bad desires aren't the world's fault; they come from in you, **Matt 15: 18 – 19**, not from God **James 1: 13 – 15**. Paul teaches us, we need to discipline ourselves. **1 Cor. 9: 27**. Those who do this produce fruit **Luke 8: 15**.

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Saturday

Peter finishes with some very strong words in vs 8 & 9 *For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.* We will discuss this in detail but understand, our Lord did not save us so we would be *unfruitful, useless, blind or short sighted.* **James 2: 20**. Understand, the virtues are not to be idle but they are to be *yours and are increasing*. The phrase rendered *are yours and are increasing* is a strong expression drawn from two present participles (*huparchonta* and *pleonazonta*). The first denotes owning property in an abiding sense, and the second refers to possessing more than enough. Where should we be; **Matt 25: 34 – 40, Titus 3: 14, Heb 6: 11, 2 Cor. 5: 10**.

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