

## Reflections on Fruitfulness, Part One

### John 12: 24 (Amplified)

I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone [just one grain, never more]. But if it dies, it produces much grain *and* yields a harvest.

### Isaiah 27 (NAS)

**2** In that day, "A vineyard of wine, sing of it! **3** "I, the Lord, am its keeper; I water it every moment. So that no one will damage it, I guard it night and day. **4** "I have no wrath. Should someone give Me briars *and* thorns in battle, *Then* I would step on them, I would burn them completely. **5** "Or let him rely on My protection, Let him make peace with Me, Let him make peace with Me." **6** In the days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will blossom and sprout, And they will fill the whole world with fruit.

### John 15 (NAS)

**4** Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. **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. **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. **7** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so [d]prove to be My disciples. **9** Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

### Home Group Discussion Questions:

- 1) **Mt 3:7-10** - bearing fruit and repentance
- 2) **2 Cor 9:7, 8, 10-15** - share abundantly in every good work; another kind of fruitfulness = generous giving.
- 3) **Colossians 1:3-14** - the gospel is bearing fruit all over the whole world, and so are you.

**What do you learn about fruitfulness from each of these passages?**