

## Why & How To **A.B.I.D.E.** to Bear Fruit

**A:** [why] **Appreciation** + [how to] **Take Action** = [fruit] **Affirmation**

**WHY** = Genuine **Appreciation** for all that Christ has done on our behalf should prompt us to take some form of **Action**, as a gesture of Gratitude.

**HOW TO** = Taking **Action** will always look different for each individual person. Actions include, but are not limited to, Bible Reading, Praying, Worshiping, Journaling, Fellowship, Church Attendance, Ministry Work, Disciplining, Giving, Serving, Sacrificing, Setting the Example, Bible Study, Small Groups, Encouraging Other, Motivating Others, Inspiring Others, etc... Something that Adds To, Develops, Grows, Gives Back, and Nurtures what God is already doing.

**BEAR FRUIT** = He is the Great Rewarder of those who Seek & Serve Him and His Kingdom Purposes. There is Nothing He will hold back from one who Genuinely Loves & Appreciates Him, thus **Affirming** His Great Pleasure in His Daughters. To be counted as His Own!

**B:** [why] **Believe** + [how to] **Balanced** = [fruit] **Blessings**

**Belief** in His Word coupled with being careful to **Balance** our daily lives will always lead one to “Reap what they Sow”, thus **Blessings** which we cannot even think to ask for or imagine. We DO NOT Do, Give, or Sacrifice simply to Be Blessed. However, that is just the way things work out in life. This Reaping & Sowing business is the way God designed things to operate.

**I:** [why] **Intimacy** + [how to] **Intentional** = [fruit] **Identity**

**Intimacy** does not happen overnight. However, **Intentionally** making the decision to Abide in Christ is done by spending time developing that personal, one-on-one relationship, each and every day, whether it is an hour or two minutes, something is always better than nothing. The more time you spend with someone, the more you begin to like, then love them, and soon you begin to imitate them. There is no one better to be recognized and **Identified** with than Christ Jesus Our Lord & Savior. Not to mention, finding ones True **Identity** in who He says we are!

**D:** [why] **Destined** + [how to] **Disciplined** = [fruit] **Discernment**

**Destined** for great things doesn't come about automatically with no effort or work on one's part, quite the opposite actually. Dedication and **Discipline** strengthens one's walk, taking them into a more intimate level with the Lord, opening opportunities for higher thoughts and higher understanding, thus receiving the full benefits of the spiritual gifts. The gift of **Discernment** being one of them.

**E:** [why] **Essential** + [how to] **Earnest Effort** = [fruit] **Equipped**

**Earnest Effort** is **Essential** to get anything done. When it comes to developing a deeper spiritual relationship with Christ, The Father can't help but Equip us for every good work when we intentionally putting forth Earnest Effort to abide. With Earnest Effort one will also acquire increased Knowledge, Wisdom, Understanding and Discernment, among other gifts and fruits of the Spirit, thus being Fully **Equipped** for every good work.