

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

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

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

HOW TO = **Acting** 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, Discipling, 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] **Belief** + [how to] **Balance** = [fruit] **Blessings**

Belief in His Word coupled with being careful to **Balance** one's daily life will always lead one to "Reap what they Sow", thus **Blessings** which one cannot even think to ask for or imagine. One DOES 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 single day, whether it is two minutes or two hours, some time is always better than no time! The more time an individual spends with someone else, the more they begin to like, then love the other person, and soon enough they may even begin to imitate them as they become in tune with one another. There is no one better to be recognized as being with and **Identified** as being in the company of than with Christ Jesus Our Lord & Savior. Finding ones **True Identity** in who He says you are can be life-changing!

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

Destined for great things does not come about automatically with no effort or work on one's part, quite the opposite. 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 worthwhile done. When it comes to developing a deeper spiritual relationship with Christ, The Father can't help but Equip someone for every good work when they intentionally put forth Earnest Effort to abide in His Word and in His Son. 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. Put forth Earnest Effort to Receive All of the Fruits, Gifts and Blessings The Lord Has Just For YOU!