

SERMON NOTES

Series: Building Upon the Firm

Foundation of God's Word

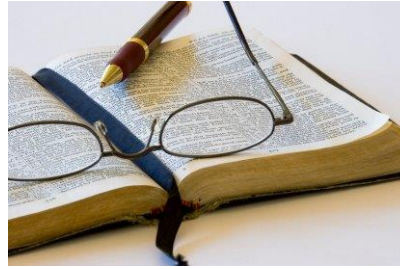
**Title: By Understanding the
Meaning of a Passage (V)**

Text: John 15:1-17

Topic: How to Study the Bible

Teacher: Pastor Barry

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“If anyone doesn't remain in me, he's like a branch that's thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.” John 15:6

Bearing fruit...

- is produced by remaining in Christ.
- brings glory to God.
- gives me complete joy.

Answered prayers...

- comes from remaining in Christ.
- brings glory to God.
- gives me complete joy.

Fruit = Answered Prayers

We have trouble with prayer when we're not in trouble. We treat prayer like a spare tire.

Prayerlessness is acting like you don't have a heavenly Father who loves you. It's acting like “if it's to be it's up to me!”

God is willing to do so much more in our lives but we don't ask.

Fruit (in John 15) is answered prayer. What am I going to do about that? That's personal application.

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man... ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man...” Matthew 7:24 & 26

The deepest/best preaching/Bible study is the preaching/study that changes you in some way.

After learning that bearing fruit is answered prayer, how do we apply this? We need to pray!

Assignment:

1. Write one sentence indicating what you are going to pray about this week so that you might bear fruit.
2. Memorize Mathew 7:24 this week. *“Everyone who hears these words of mine / and puts them into practice / is like a wise man / who built his house on a rock.” Mathew 7:24*