

“Every branch in Me” refers to the believer’s eternal union with the source of the believer’s spiritual life, namely, the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Fruit” refers to the production of Christ-like character, which is accomplished by the Holy Spirit in the believer who is obedient to the Lord Jesus Christ’s command to love and serve his fellow believer self-sacrificially as the Lord loved and served the believer self-sacrificially at the Cross.

Gal. 5:22-23, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

Love, joy, peace are inward characteristics—an inner mental happiness—sharing the happiness of God, tranquility, inner mental stability, relaxed mental attitude.

Patience, gentleness, goodness are outward characteristics—stability of temper, comforting others or to do something else from the motivation of Grace, they don’t earn or deserve it.

Faithfulness, meekness, self-control are upward or God-ward things. Consistent intake of the Word of God, mental attitude of Grace, self-control.

There are 4 categories of believers mentioned in John 15;

- (1) **“Does not bear fruit”** refers to believer’s who are disobedient to the Lord’s teaching to love and serve one another self-sacrificially and who die the sin unto death (John 5:16; 1 Co. 11:30).
- (2) **“Bears fruit”** refers to the minimum production of the believer by the Holy Spirit.
- (3) **“More fruit”** refers to moderate production of Christ-like character in the believer by the Holy Spirit.