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Fruitful glory

John 15:8

⁸By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

The key to fruitfulness

John 15:1-8

¹“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, 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, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Psalms 1:1-3

¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ²But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. ³He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

Hindrances to abiding

1: Misunderstanding God’s purpose

Ephesians 5:17

¹⁷Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

2: Pride

1 Corinthians 8:2

²And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know.

3: Laziness

Proverbs 24:30-34

³⁰I went by the field of the lazy man, And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding; ³¹And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down. ³²When I saw it, I considered it well; I looked on it and received instruction: ³³A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest; ³⁴So shall your poverty come like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.

Matthew 13:44-45

⁴⁴“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, ⁴⁶who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

4: Shame

Psalms 34:18

¹⁸The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

Psalms 51:17

¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart – These, O God, You will not despise.