FRUITFULNESS

God has more fruitfulness for you

- ▶ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. John 15:16, Colossians 1:9-11
- ♣ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth. Genesis 1:28
- ♣ The number 9 in the Bible is about fruitfulness: 9 times in the book of Genesis we are commanded to be fruitful. There are 9 fruit of the Holy Spirit found in the 9th book of the New Testament (Galatians 5:22). There are 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:7-11). We are to be fruitful in Christlike character and demonstration of the Spirit. The Menorah (the candelabra in the temple), has nine almond blossoms and bulbs.

How to bear mega fruit: John 15:1-17

1. God expects good fruit – Luke 13:6-8

- If 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. John 15:6
- And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Matthew 3:10

2. Allow yourself to be pruned - John 15:1-8

- Pruning can be painful. It can come in the form of discipline or challenges
- Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it
 yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Hebrews 12:11

3. Remain in Jesus - John 15:3-6, Jeremiah 17:5-9

To abide means to "stay" or "remain." You must purpose to grow spiritually. No root, no fruit.

- And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah Shall again take root downward, And bear fruit upward. Isaiah 37:31
- But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately
 receives it with joy; 'yet he has no root in himself but endures only for a while. For when
 tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.
 Matthew 13:20-22

4. Remain in the Word of God - John 15:7-8

- But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He 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. Psalms 1:2-3
- 'Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. Psalms 37:4-5

5. Remain in God's love; trust and obey – John 15:9-11

- A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34-35
- If you love Me, keep My commandments. John 14:15
- 'He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." John 14:21
- "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land." Isaiah 1:18-19

6. Become planted in a church family

- 12 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. 13 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord Shall flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing, 15 To declare that the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. Psalm 92:12-15
- From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. Ephesians 4:16
- 24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25

Jesus tells us to abide in 3 things to produce good fruit: **Abide in Jesus, abide in the word of God, and Abide in the love of God.** From the overflow of this abiding, your prayers will be answered, and you will abound with supernatural joy.

