

Planting Seeds That Will Last

Our last blog by Garrett Prevo ([link here](#)) encouraged us to be diligent about planting and watering seeds in the lives of students. What might those “seeds” be? There are a lot of them! Seeds of knowledge, curiosity, critical thinking, and creativity nurture the intellectual growth of our students but every educator knows there is more.

What other “seeds” do you strive to plant or water in the lives of your students?

[Read John 15:4-5](#)

Planting and watering seeds of character and integrity in children is not easy and frankly, an exercise in futility if our own lives are absent of spiritual fruit. **As Christians, we are called to live fruitful lives ourselves. However, Jesus explains there is only one way this can occur. What is it?**

Just like a branch, Jesus, the vine, is the source of a fruitful life through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. *What exactly is the spiritual fruit Jesus is referring to?*

[Read Galatians 5:22-23](#) and list each Fruit of the Spirit element below.

After reading this passage, you may feel a deep sense of conviction as you envision the missed opportunities to bear spiritual fruit. Perhaps it was a lack of patience with a student who grates on your nerves or maybe the overwhelming piles of paperwork have overshadowed your joy. No amount of human effort will restore your patience or bring you joy. Genuine spiritual fruit can only emerge when the Holy Spirit has full reign in our lives. It is only by staying connected to the True Vine that we can effectively bear spiritual fruit and, in turn, plant “seeds” in the lives of others.

Choose one element of the Fruit of the Spirit you feel is most important for you and your work situation right now. We recognize there is an overlap – all elements are a reflection of the Holy Spirit’s presence in our lives. **However, which do you feel is the biggest growth area or need for you right now?**

Take a moment and look up 3 scriptures regarding the element you chose. You can search Google or use your Bible App. For example, if you chose “love” you may want to read I Corinthians 13. Write those scripture passages below. Meditate on God’s words and ask Him to help you bear spiritual fruit as you not only grow and mature yourself but as you plant seeds into the lives of those He has placed in your path.

Lord, thank You for infusing me with life through the True Vine, Jesus. I am grateful for being chosen and appointed to bear fruit that will last forever. Today, I will remain connected to You, allowing Your Holy Spirit to work through me as I plant seeds of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. I understand, Lord, that You alone will bring the growth, so today I choose to plant. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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