AN OUTLINE OF LESSON OR STUDY PREPARED AND DELIVERED BY BRO. DR. SUNDAY U. ONAH AT CHURCH OF CHRIST, NO. 5, OWERRI STREET, HIGH LEVEL, BOX 1689, MAKURDI, BENUE STATE, NIGERIA, WEST-AFRICA ON THE 22ND DAY OF JUNE, 2025 DURING SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

THEME: ABIDE IN CHRIST JESUS TO BEAR MUCH MORE FRUITS IN THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD (LUKE 8: 8, 15)

TOPIC OF THE DAY: A FRUIT BEARING CHRISTIAN IN THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD (LUKE 8:5-15; LUKE 13:6-9; JOHN 15:1-8)

### INTRODUCTION

- A. THE STARTLING STATEMENTS OF OUR STUDY
  - 1. Jesus Teaches About The Important And Significant Of Christians Bearing Fruits In The Vineyard Of The Lord.
  - 2. As Faithful Christians, We Need To Be Fruitful And Faithful By Bearing Good Fruit In Our Lives.
  - 3. Fruit Bearing In The Vineyard Of The Lord Brings About Abundant Fruits More.
  - 4. Fruit Bearing In The Vineyard Of The Lord Brings About More Spiritual, Moral, Social, Physical, And Numerical Growths, Developments, Productivities, Progress, And Success In The Lives Of Other Members In The Vineyard Of The Lord.
  - 5. I Shade Tears Always When I Looked Back Years Ago At The High Level Church Of Christ, Makurdi, Benue State, Nigeria To See How We Went About Bearing Fruits, Through Many Programs And Activities; By Turning The Whole Wide World Upside Down.
  - 6. The High Level Church Of Christ Makurdi, Benue State, Nigeria Is Known All Over The Globe Because Of Her Dedication, Devotion, And Commitment To Serving God Almighty Wholeheartedly.
  - 7. What Is Happening To Us Today Is A Surprise To Many Of Us; Because We Have Forgotten To Bear Precious Fruits In Our Lives And In The Vineyard Of The Lord.
  - 8. It Is Not About The Seating Capacity, But About The Sending Capacity. Brethren, Arise Ye Soldiers Of Christ And Bear More And Much Fruit In The Vineyard Of The Lord.
  - 9. Nevertheless, Our Consolation Or Joy Is That The New Testament Christianity Is All About Minority Bringing About Majority In The Kingdom Of God Almighty.

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### **B.** THE TEXTUAL READINGS AND ANALYSIS

- 1. Luke 8:5-15
- 2. Luke 13:6-9
- 3. John 15:1-8

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### C. THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF OUR STUDY

- 1. To Point Out Who Is A Biblical Christian In The Vineyard Of The Lord?
- 2. To Show The Three Major Types Or Kinds Of A Fruit Bearing Christian In The Vineyard Of The Lord.
- 3. To Also Point Out The Works Of The Flesh Verses The Fruit Of The Spirit In The Vineyard Of The Lord.
- 4. To Equally Show The Twelve Fruits Of The Spirit In The Vineyard Of The Lord.
- 5. To Further Show The Seven Major Ways The Holy Spirit Works In Christians To Bear More And Much Fruits In The Kingdom Of God Continually.
- 6. To Warn Christians That Failure To Bear Fruits In The Vineyard Of The Lord; Serious And Severe Consequences Await Them On The Last Day; While Those That Bears More And Much Fruits; Great Rewards Await Them As Faithful And Worthy Servants Of God Almighty.
- 7. Finally, To Encourage All Christians To Endeavor To Continue Bearing Good Fruits In The Vineyard Of The Lord.

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#### **PRESENTATION**

- A. WHO IS A BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN IN THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD? (ACTS. 11:26; MATT. 5:13-16; 1 PET. 2:5-9)
  - 1. Read The Above Bible Passages To The Class Accordingly.
  - 2. Explain The Above Bible Passages Vividly To The Class Appropriately.
  - 3. Draw An Application Of The Above Bible Passages In The Lives Of The Members Of The Local Church.
  - 4. Show Appropriate Pictures.

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## B. A BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN LIKE A TREE WITHOUT GREEN LEAVES IN THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD

- 1. Luke 13:6-9
- 2. Matt. 21:19
- 3. Jude 1:12
- 4. 2 Tim. 3:5-7
- 5. Read The Above Bible Passages To The Class Accordingly.
- 6. Explain The Above Bible Passages Vividly To The Class Appropriately.
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# C. A BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN LIKE A TREE WITHOUT FRUITS IN THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD.

- 1. Jas. 2:14-26
- 2. Matt. 3:1ff
- 3. Matt. 7:15-20
- 4. Read The Above Bible Passages To The Class Accordingly.
- 5. Explain The Above Bible Passages Vividly To The Class Appropriately.
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## D. A BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN LIKE A TREE FULL OF FRUITS IN THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD

- 1. Luke 8:8,15
- 2. John 15:2-5,8
- 3. Psalm 1:1-3
- 4. Read The Above Bible Passages To The Class Accordingly.
- 5. Explain The Above Bible Passages Vividly To The Class Appropriately.
- 6. Draw An Application Of The Above Bible Passages In The Lives Of The Members Of The Local Church.
- 7. Show Appropriate Pictures.

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- E. THE WORKS OF THE FLESH AGAINST THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT IN THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD.
  - 1. Gal. 5:16-23
  - 2. 2 Pet. 1:5-12
  - 3. 1 Cor. 10:1-13
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- F. THE TWELVE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD
  - 1. Gal. 5:22-23
  - 2. 2 Pet. 1:5-12
  - 3. Eph. 4:1-2
  - 4. Phil. 2:1-3
  - 5. Col. 3:12-17
  - 6. Read The Above Bible Passages To The Class Accordingly.
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  - 8. Draw An Application Of The Above Bible Passages In The Lives Of The Members Of The Local Church.
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- G. THE SEVEN MAJOR WAYS THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS IN A CHRISTIAN TO BEAR MUCH FRUITS IN THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD
  - 1. Luke 8:8, 15
  - 2. John 2-5, 8
  - 3. Psalm 1:1-3
  - 4. Read The Above Bible Passages To The Class Accordingly.
  - 5. Explain The Above Bible Passages Vividly To The Class Appropriately.
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- H. THE MAJOR CONSEQUENCES OF NOT BEARING MUCH GOOD FRUITS IN THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD (LUKE 13:6-9; JOHN 15:1-2, 6)
  - 1. Total Rejection.
  - 2. Total Separation.
  - 3. Total Condemnation.
  - 4. Total Destruction.
  - 5. Total Banishment.
  - 6. Total Punishment.
  - 7. Total Judgment.

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- I. APPLICATION: WHAT CATEGORY OF CHRISTIAN ARE YOU IN THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD?
  - 1. Are You A Christian Like A Tree Without Leaves?

    Appearing Healthy But Lack Substance?
  - 2. Are You A Christian Like A Tree Without Fruits? Claiming Faith But Lacking Works.
  - 3. Are You A Christian With Much More Good Fruits, Abiding In Christ Fruitfully And Faithfully

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#### CONCLUSION

As Christians In The Vineyard Of The Lord, We Are Called, Selected, Ordained And Sanctified To Bear More And Much Fruits To Glorify God (John 15:8; Luke 13:5, 8).

As Christians In The Kingdom Of God, We Are Encourage To Bear More And Much Fruits For Unity, Purity, Sanctity, Chasity And Maturity Of The Local Church Where We Place Our Membership.

For Those Of Us Who Refused To Bear Fruits In The Vineyard Of The Lord, Be It Known To Us That We Would Be Caught Off From The Vine Or Branches By The Lord Jesus Christ On The Last Day.

Brethren, Abide In Christ Jesus To Bear More And Much Fruits In The Vineyard Of The Lord; Without Him We Can Bear No Fruits (Luke 8:8, 15; John 15:2-5, 8).

Finally, May We Strive Faithfully To Be The Trees By The River Side; Full Of More And Much Fruits, Demonstrating Or Exhibiting Our Faith Through Good Works; By Bringing Joyfulness, Happiness And Gladness To Each Other And To The Lord In His Vineyard In Jesus Holy Name, Amen.