

BEAR FRUIT THAT WILL LAST



John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

This photo is not of a typical fruit tree, but it helps illustrate the message of this verse. The tree is old and approaching winter, yet many fruits still hang from its branches. Similarly, when we serve God, we can sometimes feel weary and worn, like an aged tree in late season. However, just as the tree still has fruit, we, too, can continue to be fruitful even when we feel discouraged. Do not lose heart because of the following reasons:

God chose you - just like a fruit does not choose the tree, but the tree produces its fruit. It is God's work through you. Because He chose you, God will supply you with strength and resources. It is God's work through you. You don't have to feel weary or discouraged.

The fruits that will last - your fruits are your servings for God's Kingdom, and they are remembered by God. Heb. 6:10 states: God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. When you look back at your life, it is a great joy that a lot of fruits have been produced, and many more fruits will come. God will reward each of us (Romans 2:6).

Whatever you ask in my name, the Father will give you – this is a promise. God wants you to seek Him and know His will. God gives you wisdom and might to bear fruits that last.

