

## CONNECTICUT GRAPEVINE

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Dear Committed Ones of Connecticut:

God bless you in and through the magnificent name of Jesus Christ!

The faithful application of the principles of God's Word are designed to produce fruit in an individual's life. Understanding this will help us to realize that God desires His children to be fruitful, that is to have in full evidence in our lifestyle the results that come from doing His Word.

All fruit in the physical or spiritual realm is a product of growth. As a healthy plant grows, its natural function is to produce the fruit that it is designed to produce. Spiritually, as a believer grows by feeding himself on and remaining within the healthy atmosphere of God's Word he will bring forth the fruit promised in the Word of God. The fruit of the spirit is a good example of this. As the believer faithfully and accurately operates the manifestations of the spirit the fruit of the spirit is produced and it becomes evident for all to see. The production of fruit will document the genuine growth in a believer's life. The quality and quantity of the fruit produced will also attest to the degree of growth that has taken place.

Fruit will always attract attention. No one would think of picking an apple or a flower if there were no apples on the tree or blossoms on the plant to be seen. As fruit is produced in the believer's life it will cause others to become interested. Outreach then becomes the by-product of a fruitful lifestyle. As an individual manifests the fruit of God's Word in his life others will be drawn to him because of it.

It is no surprise that God wants His children to be <u>abundantly</u> fruitful.

John 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Our desire should be to produce <u>much</u> fruit. As this occurs we will first be blessed in our lives and then we will be able to attract others and help them to cultivate the fruitful lifestyle of God's Word.

In His love and service,

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