

Date: November 26, 2019

Sermon Title: Our Fruit and God's Glory

Speaker: Richard Smith

Scripture text(s): John 15:1-8

- 1) Read John 15:1-8. What is God's will for us according to these scriptures?
- 2) Richard brought out 3 components from this passage: relationship, refinement, and reliance. Relationship is spoken of in verses 1 and 5. Why do you suppose that this passage begins with relationship? Why is relationship with Christ important?
- 3) The second component, refinement, is from verse 2. How is refinement an important part of our relationship with Him?
- 4) Discuss the pruning process. How have you experienced pruning? How was it painful? What fruit did you see come from it?
- 5) The third component, reliance, comes from verses 4-8. Read this passage. What stands out to you? What is repeated and what do you think is the purpose for this?
- 6) Think about Richard's analogy of Charles Blondin, the tightrope walker. On one of his tightrope walks, Blondin carried Harry Colcord on his back. What was significant about the instruction Blondin gave to Colcord? How does this relate to our reliance on Christ?
- 7) Richard said we are only abiding in Him to the degree that we're hearing and obeying the words of Christ. How does this challenge you? What steps can you take to abide more closely today?
- 8) How does abiding in Christ help us overcome the evil one?
- 9) In this scripture passage, what is our responsibility and what is Christ's responsibility?
- 10) Read Psalm 1:2-3. Does this describe you? If so, how can you grow in maturity in Christ? If not, what will you do today in order to say that you delight in and meditate on His Word day and night?