



THE FRUIT SERIES

Bearing Much Fruit That Glorifies God

Parts 1–9 — A Journey from the Seed to the Fruit

Main Scripture — John 15:8

“By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.”

Central Theme

God desires believers to bear much, fresh, sweet, and lasting fruit. True fruit comes from the Word of God, is nourished by the Holy Spirit, developed through character and endurance, and demonstrated through putting God's Word into action.

PART 1 — DISCERNING WHO IS REAL AND WHO IS FAKE

Recognizing Genuine Spiritual Fruit

Key Scriptures:

Matthew 7:16 • 1 Peter 1:23 • John 15:8 • Hebrews 10:35–36 • Colossians 1:10 • Isaiah 55:11–12

Teaching Focus

Jesus said, “**You will know them by their fruits.**” True fruit begins with the imperishable seed—the Word of God.

This opening lesson establishes that:

- Fruit reveals what is really happening within a person.
- True fruit must have the right source.
- Character development is part of spiritual fruitfulness.
- Endurance is necessary when life becomes difficult.
- Fruitfulness is a continuing journey, not a one-time event.
- Our fruit is ultimately intended to **glorify God**.

Key Teaching Statement

You do not determine the quality of a tree by what it looks like on the outside; you examine the fruit it produces.

PART 2 — BEARING FRUIT THAT GLORIFIES GOD

Fruit That Remains Under Pressure

Key Scriptures:

1 Peter 1:23 • John 15:8 • John 15:16–17 • Colossians 1:10 • Hebrews 10:35–36 •
1 Thessalonians 2:17–20; 3:1–10

Part 2 takes the foundation of Part 1 and asks an important question:

Will our fruit remain?

The teaching emphasizes that it is not enough merely to produce fruit. Jesus appointed His disciples to “**go and bear fruit and keep on bearing**” so that their fruit would be lasting.

Fruit That Remains Requires:

- Obedience
- Love
- Patience
- Faith
- Endurance
- Decisiveness
- Boldness
- Attentiveness
- Encouragement within the body of Christ

Paul's ministry is used as an example of continuing to bear fruit even while facing adversity.

Key Teaching Statement

Real fruit is not proven only when life is easy; lasting fruit is revealed when pressure comes.

PART 3 — THE GIFT THAT NEVER FADES

The Holy Spirit and the Development of Fruit

Key Scriptures:

Acts 2:38–39 • John 14:26 • John 15:26 • John 16:13–15 • Hebrews 13:8

The series now moves from **what fruit looks like** to **how God equips us to bear it**.

The teaching identifies the Holy Spirit as God's enduring gift—one that does not age, break, wear out, or become obsolete.

The Holy Spirit Is Presented as:

1. Counselor
2. Teacher
3. Spirit of Truth
4. Guide
5. One who glorifies Jesus
6. One who reveals Jesus' inheritance

Major Teaching Connection

The Holy Spirit does not replace the Word; He helps us understand and live out what God has given us through His Word.

This part also introduces **remez**—“**hinting**” or **alluding to deeper truths**—and connects it with becoming familiar with Scripture.

PART 4 — HOW TO BEAR FRUIT FOR GOD

The Power of Hinting and the Holy Spirit

Key Scriptures:

Acts 2:37–39 • John 15:8 • Ezekiel 47:1–12 • Psalm 1:1–3 • John 7:37–39 • Acts 10:44–47

Part 4 develops the **remez** teaching.

The Picture:

River → Tree → Fruit

Ezekiel describes water flowing from the temple and bringing life to trees. Psalm 1 similarly pictures the righteous person as a tree planted beside streams of water.

The teaching then connects the imagery of “**rivers of living water**” in John 7:37–39 with the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Progression

God's Word → Holy Spirit → Understanding → Application → Fruit

Key Teaching Statement

The more familiar we become with God's Word, the more readily we can recognize the spiritual truths He is revealing.

PART 5 — TREASURES ON EARTH VS. TREASURES IN HEAVEN

What Are You Storing Inside?

Key Scriptures:

Matthew 6:19–21 • Colossians 2:3 • Job 22:21–22 • Psalm 119:9–11 • Proverbs 24:3–4

This part shifts the focus from the **fruit being produced** to what is being **stored inside the heart**.

The teaching develops the idea that heavenly treasure is connected with the eternal truths and wisdom found in God's Word.

Teaching Progression

What you store → What fills you → What comes out of you

God's Word is described as something that must be stored, meditated upon, and internalized.

Key Teaching Statement

What is stored in the heart eventually influences what is produced in the life.

PART 6 — SWEET FRUIT VS. BITTER FRUIT

Don't Burn the Bridges

Key Scriptures:

2 Peter 1:4 • Romans 1:20 • John 8:44 • Deuteronomy 29:18–19 • Hebrews 3:18–19 • James 1:6–8 • James 2:17

This teaching identifies several things that can interfere with fruitfulness:

1. Neglecting God's Word

Inconsistent engagement with Scripture can result in spiritual stagnation.

2. Doubt and Unbelief

Doubt undermines confidence in God's promises.

3. Double-mindedness

James 1 presents the picture of someone being tossed like a wave.

The teaching therefore moves toward a decisive response:

“I will try” versus “I will do it.”

The practical pathway is:

Study → Pray → Act → Reject doubt → Be decisive

Key Teaching Statement

Sweet fruit grows where God's Word is consistently received, believed, and acted upon.

PART 7 — RIDE THE CREST

Where the Action Is: In the Will of God

Key Scripture:

John 15:8

This is where your **surfing illustration** becomes the major teaching tool.

The surfing analogy connects spiritual life with:

Surfing	Spiritual Application
Wave	God's opportunities
Surfboard	God's Word
Wax	Prevents slipping (Spiritual alertness)
Paddling	Faith in action
White water	Pride, doubt, or doing things our own way

Surfing	Spiritual Application
Bobbing	Indecision
Sharks	Spiritual dangers/worldly traps
Riding the crest	Walking in God's way

The teaching specifically presents the **wave side** as the place of action and growth, while the bay side represents passivity.

Three Choices

1. Do nothing.
2. **“I will try.”**
3. **“I will do it.”**

Key Teaching Statement

Faith does not merely watch the wave—it paddles.

PART 8 — STAYING ON THE BOARD

Standing Firm on God's Word

Key Scriptures:

John 15:8 • Proverbs 9:9 • Proverbs 11:14 • Matthew 13:19 • Romans 12:2 • Hebrews 2:1 • 1 Peter 5:8–9

Part 8 takes the surfing illustration deeper.

The Surfboard = God's Word

Without God's Word, the teaching describes us as essentially **body surfing**—attempting to navigate life's waves without the stability and instruction represented by the board.

Body Surfing Represents:

- An unrenewed mind
- Depending on our own strength
- Depending on our own opinions
- Following the opinions of others
- Being vulnerable to strange teachings

The Wax = Prevents slipping = Watchfulness

Hebrews 2:1 is used as the reminder to pay closer attention so that we do not drift, while 1 Peter 5:8–9 emphasizes watchfulness.

Key Teaching Statement

Stay on the board. Stay in the Word. Stay connected.

PART 9 — RIDING THE CREST OF THE WAVE

The Spiritual Wetsuit, Paddling & the Leash

Key Scriptures:

Hebrews 11:5–6 • Ecclesiastes 3:11 • James 1:22 • Luke 24:49 • 1 Corinthians 12:4–6 • Mark 14:35–36 • Romans 5:3–4 • James 1:2–4 • 1 Corinthians 2:9–10

Part 9 brings the surfing illustration to its fullest expression.

1. THE CREST — GOD'S WAY

Riding the crest represents walking in faith and God's way. White water represents doing things our own way. Repentance means getting back onto the board—the Word.

2. THE SURFBOARD — GOD'S WORD

The Word gives us the foundation for application.

3. THE WETSUIT — POWER

Luke 24:49 is used to illustrate being **clothed with power from on high**.

4. THE PADDLE — FAITH IN ACTION

Paddling represents our active response—putting faith into motion.

5. THE LEASH — THE HOLY SPIRIT

The leash represents connection, guidance, restraint, correction, and recovery when we fall.

6. WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING

The final component emphasizes receiving God's wisdom and understanding and applying what He reveals.

THE COMPLETE 9-PART JOURNEY

THE SEED → THE FRUIT → THE SPIRIT → THE RIVER → THE TREASURE → THE TASTE → THE WAVE → THE BOARD → THE RIDE

Part 1: What is real fruit?

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Part 2: How does fruit remain?

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Part 3: Who is the Gift that helps us bear fruit?

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Part 4: How does the Holy Spirit help us understand God's Word?

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Part 5: What are we storing in our hearts?

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Part 6: Are we producing sweet fruit or bitter fruit?

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Part 7: Will we move from observing to acting?

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Part 8: Will we stay on God's Word?

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Part 9: Will we ride God's wave through faith, power, guidance, and application?

SERIES CONCLUSION

The entire series can culminate in one simple progression:

God plants the seed.

His Word nourishes us.

The Holy Spirit helps us understand and apply it.

Faith moves us into action.

Character develops through endurance.

We remain connected to God.

And our lives bear fruit that glorifies Him.

The central emphasis running through all nine teachings: **John 15:8** — bearing much fruit as evidence of discipleship and as a means of glorifying the Father.

The overall series title for Surefooted Ministries:

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The Surefooted Ministries Fruit Series — Parts 1–9

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 HIS GLORY



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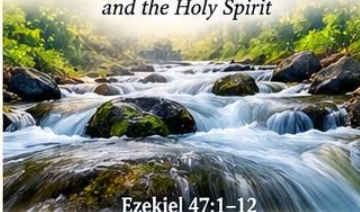
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4 **HOW TO BEAR FRUIT FOR GOD**
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God's Word flows, the Spirit reveals, and fruit grows.

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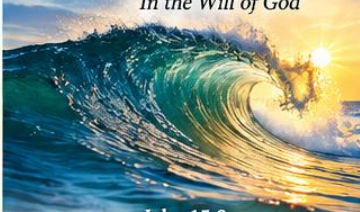
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Don't Burn the Bridges



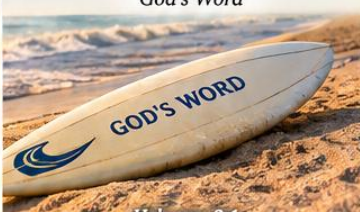
James 1:6-8
Consistent Word, faith, and action grow sweet fruit.

7 **RIDE THE CREST**
Where the Action Is: In the Will of God



John 15:8
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8 **STAYING ON THE BOARD**
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Luke 24:49
Stay suited, stay leashed, and paddle in faith to bear much fruit!

Same God. Same Word. More Fruit.

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