

In the previous weeks in this series we talked about needing humble soil, the gospel seed & deep roots. Today...fruit! Isaiah 37:31, "Once more a remnant of the kingdom of Judah will take root below and bear fruit above."

**2026 Vision for Cornerstone:** It's "a year to take root below, so we can bear fruit above for years to come."

## **WHAT TYPE OF SPIRITUAL FRUIT DOES GOD WANT?**

### **1. FRUIT for YOU → SUSTENANCE**

- The work God does in you sustains your daily walk with Him.
- He gives us strength and endurance: Colossians 1:10-11.
- He helps us to flourish in our character, happiness, relationships, meaning, health, & finances. Faith in Jesus fuels flourishing in all these areas!
- We grow in these areas by searching what the Bible says about them and obeying it: James 1:25.

### **2. FRUIT for FAMILY → SWEETNESS**

- Our growth is revealed in relationships.
- The people who experience our good or bad fruit first = family, coworkers, & friends.
- We want to have a sweet character: Galatians 5:22-23 (i.e. Christ-like character).
- We want to have a sweet fragrance: 2 Corinthians 2:15 (a gracious demeanor & tone).
- The fruit of the Spirit and fragrance of Christ answers the question: "What does it feel like to be around us?"
- If nobody else can observe your spiritual fruit, you are either isolated (which is not healthy), or not fruitful...

### **3. FRUIT for STRANGERS → SEEDS**

- Seed scattered. Gospel is seed: 1 Peter 1:23 & James 1:21.
- Reaching people requires teamwork: 1 Corinthians 3:6 (our interaction is a small, but necessary part).
- In the Old Testament, God graciously provided (Leviticus 19:9-10). Today, God provides through us.
- The 7 M's of Sharing Your Faith:

**1. MESSAGE** - Learn what to share and how to clearly explain the good news of Jesus to people.

**2. METHOD** - Our approach is: Good. God. Gospel.

**3. MY STORY** - Learn how to craft your personal testimony and share it.

**4. MEETUP** - Save a seat and invite your friends or family to Cornerstone to hear the gospel together.

**5. MEALS** - Use the B.L.E.S.S. acronym to intentionally love and serve your neighbors.

**6. MOMENTS** - Use everyday acts of kindness to reach strangers you encounter with God's love.

**7. MOBILIZE** - Borrow our Evangelism Rental Kits that equip you to reach your community.

- Jesus once told a story about a fruit tree. It had everything going for it—except fruit: Luke 13:6-9. We learn that God is gracious to give us time, but that He also expects growth in our lives.

- Today we are launching a new evangelism tool called *Everyday Outreaches*! Discover it in the Outreach tab.