

## ~FRUITAGE (755)

[English, crop, outgrowth, produce, result]

- The **fruitage** of a **fruit** bearing tree was impure like a foreskin for the first three years of its bearing **fruit**.
- And in case you people come into the land, and you must plant any tree for food, you must also consider its **fruitage** impure as its foreskin. For three years it will continue uncircumcised for you. It should not be eaten. (**Leviticus 19:23**)
- Part of Yehowah God's blessing upon his people was that the land would give its **fruitage** in abundance.
- And the land will indeed give its **fruitage**, and you will certainly eat to satisfaction and dwell in security on it. (**Leviticus 25:19**)
- Yehowah will also make you overflow indeed with prosperity in the fruit of your belly and the fruit of your domestic animals and the **fruitage** of your ground, on the ground that Yehowah swore to your forefathers to give you. (**Deuteronomy 28:11**)
- And Yehowah your God will indeed make you have more than enough in every work of your hand, in the fruit of your belly and the fruit of your domestic animals and the **fruitage** of your soil, resulting in prosperity, because Yehowah will again exult over you for good, just as he exulted over your forefathers. (**Deuteronomy 30:9**)
- The 12 spies were told to return with some of the **fruitage** of the Promised Land to show the people of Israel.
- And what the land is, whether it is fat or lean, whether there are trees in it or not. And you must show yourselves courageous and take some of the **fruitage** of the land. Now the days were the days of the first ripe fruits of the grapes. (**Numbers 13:20**)
- So they walked and came to Moses and Aaron and all the assembly of the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. And they came bringing back word to them and all the assembly and showing them the **fruitage** of the land. (**Numbers 13:26**)

- And they went on to report to him and say; We entered into the land to which you sent us out, and it is indeed flowing with milk and honey, and this is its **fruitage**. (**Numbers 13:27**)
- And they proceeded to take some of the **fruitage** of the land in their hand and to bring it down to us, and they came bringing us back word and saying; The land that Yehowah our God is giving us is good. (**Deuteronomy 1:25**)
- Israelites were commanded to bring some of their **firstfruits** to Yehowah God's temple.
- You must also take some of the firstfruits of all the **fruitage** of the soil, which you will bring in from the land of yours that Yehowah your God is giving you, and you must put them in a basket and go to the place that Yehowah your God will choose to have his name reside there. (**Deuteronomy 26:2**)
- And now here I have brought the firstfruits of the **fruitage** of the ground that Yehowah has given me. You must also deposit it before Yehowah your God and bow down before Yehowah your God. (**Deuteronomy 26:10**)
- Part of the malediction for not following after Yehowah God's way, would be a curse upon the **fruitage** of their belly and the **fruitage** of their ground.
- Cursed will be the fruit of your belly and the **fruitage** of your ground, the young of your cattle and the progeny of your flock. (**Deuteronomy 28:18**)
- The **fruitage** of your ground and all your production a people will eat whom you have not known, and you must become one who is only defrauded and crushed always. (**Deuteronomy 28:33**)
- All your trees and the **fruitage** of your ground whirring insects will take in possession. (**Deuteronomy 28:42**)
- And they will certainly eat the fruit of your domestic animals and the **fruitage** of your ground until you have been annihilated, and they will let no grain, new wine or oil, no young of your cattle or progeny of your flock, remain for you until they have destroyed you. (**Deuteronomy 28:51**)

- A sign was given to the men of Judah that in the third year it would be safe from the Assyrian invasions for them to plant crops, and eat their **fruitage**.
- And this will be the sign for you. There will be an eating this year of the growth from spilled kernels, and in the second year grain that shoots up of itself, but in the third year sow seed, you people, and reap and plant vineyards and eat their **fruitage**. (2 Kings 19:29)
- And those who escape of the house of Judah, those who are left, will certainly take root downward and produce **fruitage** upward. (2 Kings 19:30)
- Nehemiah bemoaned that Israel were only slaves of others on the Promised Land Yehowah God gave them to eat of its **fruitage**.
- Look! We are today slaves, and as for the land that you gave to our forefathers to eat its **fruitage** and its good things, look! We are slaves upon it. (Nehemiah 9:36)
- Israel was command by Nehemiah to bring the first ripe **fruitage** of every sort of tree to the temple, year by year.
- And to bring the first ripe fruits of our ground and the first ripe fruits of all the **fruitage** of every sort of tree, year by year, to the house of Yehowah. (Nehemiah 10:35)
- Also, the firstfruits of our coarse meal and our contributions and the **fruitage** of every sort of tree, new wine and oil we should bring to the priests to the dining halls of the house of our God, also the tenth from our soil to the Levites, as they, the Levites, are the ones receiving a tenth in all our agricultural cities. (Nehemiah 10:37)
- Job showed, that he worked hard to produce all that he possessed, not figuratively robbing the ground, by not working hard for things he took from it.
- If its **fruitage** I have eaten without money, and the soul of its owners I have caused to pant. (Job 31:39)

- The **fruitage** of wicked men Yehowah God will destroy from all the earth.
- Their **fruitage** you will destroy from the very earth, and their offspring from the sons of men. (**Psalms 21:10**)
- When Yehowah God comes in judgment of mankind then men will say that surely there is **fruitage** for the righteous ones of the earth.
- And mankind will say; Surely there is **fruitage** for the righteous one. Surely there exists a God that is judging in the earth. (**Psalms 58:11**)
- With the **fruitage** of Yehowah God's works, the earth and her peoples are satisfied.
- He is watering the mountains from his upper chambers. With the **fruitage** of your works the earth is satisfied. (**Psalms 104:13**)
- Enemies came in and ate the **fruitage** of the Promised Land.
- And they went eating all the vegetation in their land, they also went eating the **fruitage** of their ground. (**Psalms 105:35**)
- Sons are the **fruitage** of the belly, and are a reward from Yehowah God.
- Look! Sons are an inheritance from Yehowah, the **fruitage** of the belly is a reward. (**Psalms 127:3**)
- Yehowah God promised King David to set one of his **fruitage** upon his throne.
- Yehowah has sworn to David, truly he will not draw back from it: Of the **fruitage** of your belly I shall set on your throne. (**Psalms 132:11**)
- The wicked will eat from the **fruitage** of their way, being gluttoned with their own counsels.
- So they will eat from the **fruitage** of their way, and they will be gluttoned with their own counsels. (**Proverbs 1:31**)
- Wisdom's **fruitage** is better than gold, and better than silver.

- My **fruitage** is better than gold, even than refined gold, and my produce than choice silver. (**Proverbs 8:19**)
- The **fruitage** of the righteous one is a tree of life.
- The **fruitage** of the righteous one is a tree of life, and he that is winning souls is wise. (**Proverbs 11:30**)
- From the **fruitage** of a man's mouth he will be satisfied with good.
- From the **fruitage** of a man's mouth he is satisfied with good, and the very doing of a man's hands will come back to him. (**Proverbs 12:14**)
- From the **fruitage** of his mouth a man will eat good, but the very soul of those dealing treacherously is violence. (**Proverbs 13:2**)
- From the **fruitage** of a man's mouth his belly will be satisfied, he will be satisfied even with the produce of his lips. (**Proverbs 18:20**)
- Death and life are within the power of the tongue, and he that loves it, either life or death, will eat of its **fruitage**.
- Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and he that is loving it will eat its **fruitage**. (**Proverbs 18:21**)
- A capable wife has considered a field and its value to her family, and she procures it, then from the **fruitage** of her own hands she has planted a vineyard there.
- She has considered a field and proceeded to obtain it, from the **fruitage** of her hands she has planted a vineyard. (**Proverbs 31:16**)
- A capable wife will have a **fruitage** that will bring her praise even in the gates.
- Give her of the **fruitage** of her hands, and let her works praise her even in the gates. (**Proverbs 31:31**)

- Solomon owned a fine vineyard in Baal-hamon that would produce fine **fruitage**.
- There was a vineyard that Solomon happened to have in Baal-hamon. He gave the vineyard over to the keepers. Each one would bring in for its **fruitage** a thousand silver pieces. (**Song of Solomon 8:11**)
- My vineyard, which belongs to me, is at my disposal. The thousand belong to you, O Solomon, and two hundred to those keeping its **fruitage**. (**Song of Solomon 8:12**)
- Should not judges encourage the course of the righteous ones? For the righteous ones will certainly reap according to the **fruitage** of their dealings, for Yehowah will see to it. Judges must stand up for the righteous ones, else the majority will turn to badness.
- Say, you men, that it will be well with the righteous one, for they will eat the very **fruitage** of their dealings. (**Isaiah 3:10**)
- In that day Yehowah will make new scrolls sprout, and they will come to be for decoration and glory. Instead of treating godly instruction with contempt his people will be proud of the fine **fruitage** of the land. Then all of those who have escaped false religion, will read these fine books, and view them as something very beautiful, a gift from their benevolent creator.
- In that day what Yehowah makes sprout will come to be for decoration and for glory, and the **fruitage** of the land will be something to be proud of and something beautiful for those of Israel who have escaped. (**Isaiah 4:2**)
- Yehowah did later allow the haughty Assyrian king Sennacherib to come up against Judah in Isaiah's day. However, he returned home a failure, without an army, when Yehowah's angel destroyed 185,000 soldiers overnight. That king returned home only to be murdered by his own two sons, as he worshiped before his own valueless idol god, Nishroch. All because of the **fruitage** of the insolence of his heart toward Yehowah God.
- And it must occur that when Yehowah terminates all his work in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, I shall make an accounting for the **fruitage** of the insolence of the heart of the king of Assyria and for the self-importance of his loftiness of eyes. (**Isaiah 10:12**)

- Since religion trains all of its young men to follow in its way, its **fruitage**, the captors will not preserve young men alive, so that there will be no progeny to later preserve religion's way. The United Nations will try to completely wipe, religion's influence, from off the earth in one sweep.
- And their bows will dash even young men to pieces. And the **fruitage** of the belly they will not pity, for sons their eye will not feel sorry. (**Isaiah 13:18**)
- Now Yehowah addresses Hezekiah and the men of Judah, how will they know when it is safe to return to the safety of their own possessions? For the next two years they should live off of the uncultivated produce of the land. Then in the third year they can return to normal life of planting and harvest and reaping their fields and vineyards and eating of their **fruitage**.
- And this will be the sign for you. There will be an eating this year of the growth from spilled kernels, and in the second year grain that shoots up of itself, but in the third year sow seed, you people, and reap, and plant vineyards and eat their **fruitage**. (**Isaiah 37:30**)
- Then the threat posed by Assyria's aggression will be passed, and all of the ones remaining in the land can go out again in freedom from aggression, becoming firmly rooted in their own soil and produce much **fruitage**. Though Judah's dependent towns would be overrun, still a small remnant of her sons would be saved there in Jerusalem. The Assyrian aggression would be halted!
- And those who escape of the house of Judah, those who are left remaining, will certainly take root downward and produce **fruitage** upward. (**Isaiah 37:31**)
- Today, many laborers and even skilled men build homes for others, but cannot afford one of their own. Many men and women toil in other's fields, but cannot afford the basics of life, food, shelter and clothing. This sad situation will not exist in the Kingdom. Men will build their own homes and will plant their own gardens and vineyards and themselves eat of their **fruitage**, and there will be no one making them tremble.
- And they will certainly build houses and have occupancy, and

they will certainly plant vineyards and eat their **fruitage**. (Isaiah 65:21)

- Yehowah had first disciplined his people by leading them for forty years through the wilderness. Then when they had demonstrated faith, he then gave them the **fruit** of the promise.
- And I gradually brought you to a land of the orchard, to eat its **fruitage** and its good things. But you came in and defiled my land, and my own inheritance you made something detestable. (Jeremiah 2:7)
- Worshipping idols, whether men, organizations, growth, or men's wrong ideas, is wrong, and it is a very serious failing. All men doing so will be called to account for the bad **fruitage** of their thoughts.
- Listen, O earth! Here I am bringing in calamity upon this people as the **fruitage** of their thoughts, for they paid no attention to my very own words, and my Law, they also kept rejecting it. (Jeremiah 6:19)
- Yehowah's anger will not be just against man, but it will be against his entire dominion, all the bad **fruitage** of his way, man, animals, vegetation, all of it must be burned with fire, for man has ruined his way, and the earth over which he has dominion.
- Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Look! My anger and my rage are being poured forth upon this place, upon mankind and upon domestic animal, and upon the tree of the field and upon the **fruitage** of the ground, and it must burn, and it will not be extinguished. (Jeremiah 7:20)
- The heart is the seat of motivation and the kidneys filter out the end results of our true way of living. Therefore, Yehowah looks at our entire life, from what motivates us, to what we actually end up doing. Nothing escapes his notice. He could intervene in our lives, but he wants us to learn for ourselves, what the real consequences of our lives are.
- This will help to build wisdom within us. There is a principle that affects us all that applies here and it is a very founding principle of justice. Do not be misled! God is not one to be mocked. For whatever a man is sowing, his **fruitage**, this he will also reap. (Galatians 6:7)



**Yehowah also has the means to look at men in ways that men simply do not possess.**

- **I, Yehowah, am searching the heart, examining the kidneys, even to give to each one according to his ways, according to the **fruitage** of his dealings. (Jeremiah 17:10)**
- **The nation's leaders have sown corruption and oppression to all their people. It is against this forest, of tree-like leaders, that Yehowah's anger will blaze, because of the **fruitage** of their dealings. Then all those around them, and who come up in support of them, will be burned up.**
- **I will also hold an accounting against you according to the **fruitage** of your dealings, is the utterance of Yehowah. And I will set a fire ablaze in her forest, and it will certainly devour all the things round about her. (Jeremiah 21:14)**
- **They were not coming back to Jerusalem in two years as Hananiah had falsely prophesied, but most of them would die there and seventy years later mostly only their children and grandchildren would return to rebuild Jerusalem. Therefore they should build houses and plant gardens and eat their **fruitage**, for this was their new home.**
- **Build houses and inhabit them, and plant gardens and eat their **fruitage**. (Jeremiah 29:5)**
- **The people wanted to believe their false prophets, who told them, that their exile in Babylon would be short, and that they could quickly return to their homeland. Shemaiah was a false prophet, and he wanted to be the only one influencing God's people, there in Babylon. Therefore, he tried to use his influence, to silence Jeremiah, whose message he opposed. But God's message would not be silenced.**
- **For that is why he has sent to us at Babylon, saying; It is long drawn out! Build houses and inhabit them, and plant gardens and eat their **fruitage**. (Jeremiah 29:28)**
- **Yehowah is great in wisdom and good counsel, and there is no act, that escapes his notice among the sons of men. He is just, and he returns to each one a measure of their own acts, and according to the **fruitage** of their dealings. Whatever a man is sowing, this also he will reap.**

- Great in counsel and abundant in acts, you whose eyes are opened upon all the ways of the sons of men, in order to give to each one according to his ways and according to the **fruitage** of his dealings. (**Jeremiah 32:19**)
  
- Christendom has grown like a mighty vine, until she has covered all of the earth. Her flourishing shoots have crossed over the sea and into every land and island nation in the world. Her missionaries have gone into every foreign land and started up sects there. She is at her most powerful point in history, just like the **fruit** of the vine at the season of the harvest. Therefore upon her summer **fruitage** and upon her grape gathering, the despoiler will come.
  
- With more than the weeping for Jazer I shall weep for you, O vine of Sibmah. Your own flourishing shoots have crossed over the sea. To the sea, to Jazer, they have reached. Upon your summer **fruitage** and upon your grape gathering the despoiler himself has fallen. (**Jeremiah 48:32**)
  
- Jeremiah lamented that within Jerusalem before she fell women were forced through starvation to eat the **fruitage** of their belly.
  
- See, O Yehowah, and do look to the one to whom you have dealt severely in this manner. Should the women keep eating their own **fruitage**, the children born fully formed, or in the sanctuary of Yehowah should priest and prophet be killed? (**Lamentations 2:20**)
  
- Since Christendom herself rejects Yehowah and also delights to see others of her number come to desolation, then Yehowah will give them over to the Orientals, the Eastern religions, and they will fill their churches with what is from the East. Many of Christendom's members, her **fruitage**, and her milk, her **ideas** will fall to these eastern religions.
  
- Therefore here I am giving you to the Orientals as something to possess, and they will set up their walled camps in you and will certainly put in you their tabernacles. They themselves will eat your **fruitage**, and they themselves will drink your milk. (**Ezekiel 25:4**)
  
- Their **yoke bars**, **are the religious leaders and their false teachings and restraints**. The Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses have driven their flock relentlessly like slaves saying; Preach! Preach! Preach! It is all that they care about and the Great Crowd are all their

slaves who do their bidding and thus make them **plump sheep**. When Yehowah brings down their worldwide headquarters then they will know that Yehowah can and has judged between a sheep and a sheep. Yehowah will liberate a remnant of his sheep and then prosper them in full security.

- And the tree of the field must give its **fruitage**, and the land itself will give its yield, and they will actually prove to be on their soil in security. And they will have to know that I am Yehowah when I break the bars of their yoke and I have delivered them out of the hand of those who had been using them as slaves. ([Ezekiel 34:27](#))
- The mountains of Israel, its leaders will after times of Sabbath resting bring forth bough or branches and the land will again bear righteous **fruitage**. In Yehowah's eyes the disciplining of his people would bring about their true repentance and after a brief 70 year rest, they were truly near to the point of coming in.
- And you yourselves, O mountains of Israel, will give forth your very own boughs and bear your own **fruitage** for my people Israel, for they have drawn near to the point of coming in. ([Ezekiel 36:8](#))
- And I shall certainly make the **fruitage** of the tree abound, and the produce of the field, in order that **you** may no more receive among the nations the reproach of famine.
- The **fruitage** of the land is a blessing from Yehowah. In ancient Israel when the land failed to give its yield it indicated a loss of Yehowah's favor. Jehovah's Witnesses scattering among the nations likewise indicates a spiritual holding back from them.
- Their scattering among the nations and not spiritually seeing God's advancing purpose likewise is a reproach. At that time Yehowah will restore them to their spiritual estate and make their spiritual fields produce **fruitage** bountifully. No more will spiritual famine devour them putting them at the mercy of enemy nations. He will then richly supply his appreciative people from the bounty of productive spiritual fields.
- And I shall certainly make the **fruitage** of the tree abound, and the produce of the field, in order, that you may no more receive among the nations the reproach of famine. ([Ezekiel 36:30](#))

- Alongside the torrent on this side and on that side will come up **trees**, **strong supporters of true worship**. They will help others to grow strong by their **fruitage** of giving of themselves and planting seeds of truth in all of their righteous offspring.
- Their **leafage**, **appearance before others**, will not wither for lack of water because the water for them comes from the sanctuary continuously. The trees take in the water of truth and new understanding and produce fruitage of good works and foliage of true understanding for the healing of the nations.
- And alongside the torrent there will come up, along its bank on this side and on that side, all sorts of trees for food. Their leafage will not wither, nor will their **fruitage** be consumed. In their months they will bear new fruit, because the water for them, it is coming forth from the very sanctuary. And their fruitage must prove to be for food and their leafage for healing. **(Ezekiel 47:12)**
- Then we are told, that all is not lost. The tree will not be uprooted, because the entire tree is not bad. Rather it will be cut down and then banded. Banding indicates, that the tree will not be allowed to grow again later. Tight bands of copper and iron around the tree, will keep it from sending up shoots again.
- Seven years are coming of Great Tribulation for God's people here on earth. The banding of Copper and Iron, point to the thing, that is wrong, the restraining thing, that causes good growth to stop, and which must be removed before it can grow again.
- He was calling out loudly, and this is what he was saying; Chop the tree down, and cut off its boughs. Shake off its foliage, and scatter its **fruitage**. Let the beast flee from under it, and the birds from its boughs. **(Daniel 4:14)**
- Yet Yehowah God shows, through Hosea, that they have up to this time plowed a course of wickedness, and so they are reaping unrighteousness as a result. They have believed religious lies, thus eating the **fruitage** of deception, and they have trusted in their own way, and in their own self-appointed mighty ones, who claim a relationship to Yehowah God, but do not have one.

- This is the same course the Catholic Church has taken, one of deception, while they trust in their own way, and look up to mighty men among them, their popes and bishops and cardinals, all unscriptural designations. Not one of these men today, or in the past, is, or ever has been, approved by Yehowah God!
- You people have plowed wickedness. Unrighteousness is what you have reaped. You have eaten the **fruitage** of deception, for you have trusted in your way, in the multitude of your mighty ones. (**Hosea 10:13**)
- Even the beasts of the open field should not be fearful, for their pasture grounds will grow green and lush **fruitage** under the blessing that Yehowah God gives to them. The trees of the field and their orchards, will produce **fruitage**, and the fig tree and the grape vine, must give forth their vital energy. For the blessing of Yehowah God is what makes rich. He would then turn around the famine conditions and make their land lush and fertile again, producing abundantly.
- Do not be fearful, you beasts of the open field, for the pasture grounds of the wilderness will certainly grow green. For the tree will actually give its **fruitage**. The fig tree and the vine must give their vital energy. (**Joel 2:22**)
- Yehowah then shows Israel, through Amos, that he annihilated a people, the Amorites, before Israel entered the Promised Land, because of the Amorites proud and haughty rulers, were too high over their people, like mighty cedars, and vigorous in maintaining their power like massive trees. Therefore Yehowah went to annihilating them, leaving neither **fruitage** above, nor rootstock below, for he completely brought this people to nothing, they ceasing to exist forever after their defeat by Israel.
- But as for me, I had annihilated the Amorite on account of them, whose height was like the height of cedars, and who was vigorous like the massive trees, and I went annihilating his **fruitage** above and his roots below. (**Amos 2:9**)
- There will be no more teams of horses, legions of strong young men, leading her or plowing her fields, because she will become a bare crag and an object of astonishment to all onlookers! Because she turned the righteous **fruitage** into wormwood in the eyes of others.
- On a crag will horses run, or will one plow there with cattle? For

into a poisonous plant you people have turned justice, and the **fruitage** of righteousness into wormwood. ([Amos 6:12](#))

- Micah postulates, whether even thousands of rams and tens of thousands of torrents of oil would please him, or even be adequate for him? Could Micah give his own firstborn son, as a payment for his own revolt against God? Would the **fruitage** of his own belly be adequate to cover his own sin?

- Will Yehowah be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of torrents of oil? Shall I give my firstborn son for my revolt, the **fruitage** of my belly for the sin of my soul? ([Micah 6:7](#))

- Yehowah now promises Zechariah, that there will be the seed of peace, which he will sow in the earth through divine instruction, and under it, the vine itself will give its **fruitage**, and the earth itself will give its yield. Also the heavens will give their dews, freely watering mankind with abundant spiritual truth. Also then Yehowah God promises to cause the remaining ones of his people to inherit all these wonderful things.

- For there will be the seed of peace. The vine itself will give its **fruitage**, and the earth itself will give its yield, and the heavens themselves will give their dew, and I shall certainly cause the remaining ones of this people to inherit all these things. ([Zechariah 8:12](#))

- Peter then relates, that since David was a prophet, and that God had made a sworn oath to him respecting his future descendant, his **fruitage**, that God himself would seat one of his future descendants upon his throne.

- Therefore, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one from the **fruitage** of his loins upon his throne. ([Acts of Apostles 2:30](#))

- Paul had many times wanted to visit the congregation there in Rome, but other things kept hindering his progress to them. Yet wherever Paul worked, there was growth and **fruitage** among his Christian brothers in the world. This **fruitage** is manifest in Christian qualities, fine works of giving and love, and by the expansion of the preaching of the Good News worldwide.

- But I do not want you to fail to know, brothers, that I many

times purposed to come to you, but I have been hindered until now, in order, that I might acquire some **fruitage** also among you even as among the rest of the nations. (**Romans 1:13**)

- Paul has already shown, that the spirit and the flesh are directly opposed to one another, like water and oil, like light and darkness, like good and bad. Now he shows us, what the spirit of God will impel us to act like.
- The **fruitage** or result of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, mildness and self-control. Truly how opposed to the works of the flesh these qualities are, they are just the opposite forms of behavior. Christians who are led by God's spirit, will always exhibit these fine **fruitages** in their lives.
- On the other hand, the **fruitage** of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith. (**Galatians 5:22**)
- The **fruitage** of this spiritual light consists of every sort of goodness and righteousness and of truth. Therefore anointed Christians should be exhibiting these **fruitages** in their lives daily.
- For the **fruitage** of the light consists of every sort of goodness and righteousness and truth. (**Ephesians 5:9**)
- So Paul felt, that to live on in the flesh, was a **fruitage** of his work, and yet he did not state, which one, life or death, he would more readily select.
- Now if it be to live on in the flesh, this is a **fruitage** of my work, and yet which thing to select I do not make known. (**Philippians 1:22**)
- Paul then shows as he commends them, that not because of the gift itself, or because he is seeking even more from them, but because the gift itself reflects, that they get the point of his preaching and teaching. They are therefore, putting into practice their faith, and in this, he rejoices.
- Not that I am earnestly seeking the gift, but that I am earnestly seeking the **fruitage** that brings more credit to your account. (**Philippians 4:17**)