

# The Fruit of Yielding

## Romans 6:15-18

<sup>19</sup> I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

<sup>20</sup> For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

<sup>21</sup> What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

<sup>22</sup> But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### The Product of Your Decisions

What we decide has effects and consequences. The good result of deciding to yield to and obey the gospel of Jesus Christ is righteousness! Those who are justified cannot refuse its resulting sanctification. Our holiness is the natural effect of our gaining freedom from sin. This makes a life of continued sin counterintuitive!

### THE BIG IDEA

What is the main truth The Lord showed you in this passage?

### **Part 1—New Loyalties**

Read Romans 6:19-20; 1 Peter 4:2-4

- 1) How do these verses describe the old and new loyalties of the Christian?
- 2) According to 1 Peter 4 how does time interact with the loyalties of a Christian?
- 3) At what point and how have your loyalties changed? How could your loyalties use some reevaluating?

### **Part 2—Shameful Fruit**

Read Romans 6:20-21; Colossians 3:5-7

- 1) According to these verses how should the growing and healthy Christian view his life before the gospel brought him to salvation? Why?
- 2) According to Colossians 3 what should we do if our lives begin looking like our days before our conversion?
- 3) How can the fruit of your life show your destiny is different that the unbeliever?

### **Part 3—Holy Fruit**

Read Romans 6:22; 1 John 3:9-10

- 1) Why do you suppose being a servant (slave) of God produces holiness?
- 2) According to 1 John 3 why does a believer not live in habitual sin? Explain.
- 3) What do you think would be the fruit (result) of your yielding to God? What would indicate you are not yielding to Him?

### **Part 4—A Clear Contrast**

Read Romans 6:23; Galatians 6:7-8

- 1) How many (list them) contrasts do you see in this familiar verse?
- 2) According to Galatians 6 how does the clear contrast of Romans 6:23 play out in our sanctification? Who controls these results?
- 3) Why do you think these clear contrasts sometimes seem blurred in the Christians life?

Don't forget the Big Idea!