3. A New Proof

Obedience is the fruit of the Spirit, the fruit of abiding in Christ, and the fruit of life

4. A New Privilege

We are friends

The intimacy of friendship and the intelligence of friendship

5. A New Purpose

Pride prohibited – grace and sovereign mercy has called us to be disciples

Purpose revealed – that we should go and bear fruit Permanency of the fruit – it may abide forever

6. Prayer

Its Inclusiveness - whatsoever ...

Its Value - in My Name

Its Certainty - He will give ...

vv 18-27 Fellow Witnesses – Relationship to the World The Frown of the World – Rejection. The Dangerous Society in which they would bear Fruit

- The Future and its Danger
- The Frown of the World
- The Failure of the World to Know God
- The Fulfillment of Scripture
- The Fortification against the World

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SCHEDULE		
Friday, May 6	Saturday, May 7	Sunday, May 8
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm <i>Prayer & Ministry</i>	10:00 am – 12:00 am Bible Study	10:00 am – 11:30 am Breaking of Bread
	Lunch Served 12:00 pm	Lunch Served 11:30 am
	1:30 pm – 5:00 pm <i>Ministry</i>	12:30 pm – 1:10 pm Sunday School
	Dinner Served 5:00 pm	1:30 pm – 5:00 pm <i>Ministry</i>
	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Ministry & Gospel	Dinner Served 5:00 pm
		6:30 pm – 6:50 pm <i>Prayer</i>
		7:00 pm – 8:00 pm <i>Gospel</i>

JOHN 13-17 ETERNAL LIFE

- Ch.13, Cleansing The Enjoyment of Eternal Life Requirement for Cleansing
- Ch.14, Communion The Essence of Eternal Life Reality of Present Communion
- Ch.15, Character The Expression of that Life Reproduction of Moral Character
- Ch.16, Conflict The Experiences Involved in that Life Resources amidst Conflict
- **5. Ch.17, Consummation** The Expectation of that Life Radiancy of the Expected Consummation
 - Ch13 His Action that was Exemplary
 - Ch14 His Ministry of Enlightenment
 - Ch15 His Ministry of Enablement
 - Ch16 His Ministry of Encouragement
 - Ch17 His Prayer of Endearment

JOHN 15

- **vv 1-11 Fruit-bearers** Relationship to Christ, Abiding in the Vine, Fruit-bearing
- vv 12-17 Friends Relationship to Believers, Love one Another, Love or Fellowship
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vv 1-11 Fruit-bearers – Relationship to Christ – Abiding in the Vine – Fruit-bearing

1. Picture – the Vine

I am the true, genuine, real vine. i.e. Do we believe that all fruit really comes from our union with Him?

2. Persons

Father - the Husbandman, He does the pruning.

Cf ch13, where we wash one another's feet.

Christ - the Vine

Believers – the branches, potential.

- **3. Produce** What is the fruit of this chapter? Christ likeness is in view. The life of the vine reproduced in the branches
- **4. Peculiar** Nature, of the Fruit. It is not charm or charisma. It is not what is produced naturally by the branches without the vine. It is inherently spiritual and unnatural. So it is not a pleasant personality or a diplomatic approach. Not natural honey (Lev 2)
- 5. Process by which Fruit develops
 - Activity of the Husbandman
 - His scrutiny of the branches
 - His skill with the blade (cf the basin in ch 13)
 - His selflessness in His activity
 - Abundance of the Vine Life in all its fullness dwells in the vine
 - Power is present in the vine
 - Pattern of the vine (v 10) He kept His Father's commandments and abode in His love; secret of abiding is here revealed
 - Abiding of the saints what does it mean to abide?
 His Word abides in us is more than simply reading a chapter a day. It is allowing that Word to:
 - Control our values
 - Conform our lives
 - Change our behavior
 - Asking of the Father
 - Discernment
 - Desire
 - Dependence
- 6. Pleasure Fruits Brings the father

Herein is My Father glorified, Christ likeness brings pleasure and glory to God.

vv 12-17 Friends – Relationship to Believers – Love one Another – Love or Fellowship

The Display of Fruit

1. A New Precept

New in its potential for fulfillment New it the Person Who displayed it

2. A New Pattern

Laying down one's life for a friend Implications for the brotherhood