

Inspire

A word of hope, support, and encouragement

“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples” John 15:8

Proof of Ownership

I am concerned with many who verbally confess Christ but are really pretending. These are the ones who have a form of godliness but deny its power (2 Timothy 3:5)—those who live religiously but not reverently. As it relates to the deeds that should mark the difference between who our God is, Jesus spoke directly to a group of religious leaders who, despite their outward righteousness, refused to repent and receive the righteousness provided by Christ. He said to them, “You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father” (John 8:44).

Those who truly belong to God do His desires. Those who belong to the devil do his desires. Some of Jesus’ most penetrating words were about the “hypocrites”—those who weren’t willing to come to Him and were stumbling blocks to others who were seeking the truth.

Once sealed as heirs (Ephesians 1:13), we are empowered to do “good works” that were prepared for us beforehand. The fruit that marks us as belonging to God is that of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22). When believers

remain in a “branch-vine” relationship with Christ, they will “bear much fruit,” revealing to whom they belong—and who owns them.

Genuine, Christlike living is our “proof of ownership” because God displays the fruit of the Spirit through His sons and daughters. True believers glorify the One who purchased the right for us to call Him, “Abba Father.”

The question we must ask ourselves is, “Who owns you?” ■

Love you all!



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