

Bear Fruits

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NARRATION

GRAPHICS AND CLIPS

CN. **01**

We worship with our resources in response to the call to bear fruits. John the Baptist appealed to those who were coming to him for baptism: "Produce fruit in keeping with repentance" (Matt. 3:8). For John, baptism and being part of God's people were not sufficient.

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CN. **02**

The Gospel of Luke shares some concrete examples of the "fruit of repentance" that John the Baptist gave to those who came to him. He asked the tax collector not to collect any more than was required. He exhorted the soldiers not to "extort money" and to "be content with your pay." And he commanded the crowd to share their second shirt and food with the one who did not have much (Luke 3:10-14). These examples reported by Luke have something in common; they are related to one's attitudes toward finances and material possessions. The fruit of repentance includes being careful about the means used to obtain resources and using our resources to bless others.

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CN. **03**

The Bible tells the story of Nabal, a man who was heavily blessed but did not bear the fruit of repentance in his material life. He refused to reward those who protected his flock and would harshly rebuke the servants of David who came to ask for some food. This attitude led his wife to call him wicked and to say: "He is just like his name—his name means Fool, and folly goes with him" (1 Sam. 25:25). Sadly, the following day, he had a stroke. Ten days later he died.

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When we look at this story, we understand that the ability to produce wealth can only be perfected by surrendering it to Jesus, putting it at His service. "Remain in me, as I also remain in you", said Jesus. "No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me?" [John 15:4](#)

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As we worship Jesus with our tithe and regular and systematic offerings, called Promise, let us remain in Him, bearing fruits of repentance. May we put our desires last and God First.

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