

Fruit that Lasts

John 15:12-17

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

John 15:16b

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fruit,

FRUIT THAT WILL LAST

What is fruit?

fruit \ 'früt \ noun, often attributive

1a: a product of plant growth (such as grain, vegetables, or cotton)

b: the usually edible reproductive body of a seed plant

c: a product of fertilization, the ripened ovary (see OVARY sense 2) of a seed plant and its contents

2: OFFSPRING, PROGENY

fruit verb

: to bear fruit

: to cause to bear fruit

Sometimes we forget:

Fruits have seasons

Why have we forgotten this?
(or have we)

Fruits in Season Game



What do you notice about this chart?

What's missing, where would you put it?

What generalizations would you draw about the fruits of a given season?

Life is also described as having seasons

Old Age

What fruits are/do you feel will sustain you here?

How are your fruits sustaining those around you?

What fruits have you left behind?

What is different about the fruit that is ripening as you mature?

Middle Age

Are there fruits that are finding a second season?

About what ages do these seasons cover?

Childhood

What seasons would you add?

What fruits couldn't handle the heat?

What kind of fruits ripened during these seasons?

Adult

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Closing Prayer

