

## 7. Filled With The Fruit Of Righteousness

- Evidence of the Character of Christ!
- Displaying the life and acts that demonstrate the Christ-likeness in you that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God

### I. EMBRACING TRIALS FOR A PURPOSE

- When this is the case, then James 1:2-5 will be joyfully embraced!
- James 1:2-5 (MSG) – “(2) Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. (3) You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. (4) So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.”
- We may not like the truth that gets forced out under pressure, but when we acknowledge it, agree with God about its destructiveness, and ask for His forgiveness and cleansing, we GROW, in character, in the image of our Big Brother and best example

### J. WHAT WOULD A CHURCH LOOK LIKE .....

- What would a church look like ... Where each of us was mature, complete, not lacking what is required to fully reach their calling! A church community where people weren't shamed or discouraged from admitting and confessing their faults, and therefore able to receive forgiveness and cleansing from these faults

### SUMMARY

**I Know I'm Planted Here**, to grow, to produce good fruit, for others, for myself, for the Glory and Praise of God.

**How About You? ... Why Are You Here?**

## WHY ARE YOU HERE?

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### A. WHY ARE YOU HERE?

### B. WHAT ARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS?

### C. WHAT IS YOUR CALLING?

- You** are called, there is a purpose and place for your life, YOU have a destiny
- Gods Equipping and empowerment for you will be in line with your call
- 2 Thessalonians 1:11 (The Message) – “Because we know that this extraordinary day is just ahead, we pray for you all the time -- pray that our God will make you fit for what he's called you to be, pray that He'll fill your good ideas and acts of faith with his own energy so that it all amounts to something.”
- Romans 8:28 (ASV) – “And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to His purpose.”

### D. KATHY'S TESTIMONY

- Psalm 116 – “I love the Lord for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy.”
- Inch by inch my trust has shifted from institution to Father God

### E. VISION DEVELOPING

### F. GOD WANTS CHRIST TO BE FORMED IN EACH OF US!

- ❑ Romans 8:29 – *“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, for Him to be the First-born among many brothers.”*
- ❑ Predestination is not to salvation, but into the image of Jesus
- ❑ As Christ’s Character is formed in us, THEN we are in the Image of His Son, and this character comes in increasing measure as we learn more and “get out of the way” (die to self)

## G. WHAT SHOULD A CHURCH BE / DO?

- ❑ A Church should be a place where people:
  - # 1 - become Christians
  - # 2 - Grow in Christ’s Character
- ❑ Pastor David’s “SHEAR”
  - “S” – Salvation (Evangelism)
  - “H” – Healed through healthy relationships (Biblical Fellowship)
  - “E” – Equipped (Discipleship)
  - “A” – Activated through service (Service)
  - “R” – Released to Worship God through fulfilling Destiny (Worship)

## H. PAUL THE APOSTLE’S PRAYER FOR US

- ❑ Philippians 1:9-11(ESV) – *“(9) And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, (10) so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, (11) filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”*

### 1. And This Is My Prayer:

### 2. That Your Love

- ❑ Agape (God’s unconditional love) - not phylion (brotherly love)
- ❑ John 3:16, “Agape” – the Highest form of love

### 3. May Abound More And More

- ❑ Definition: *“to superabound (in quantity or quality), be in excess, be superfluous; also (transitively) to cause to superabound or excel: - (make, more) abound, (have, have more) abundance, (be more) abundant, be the better, enough and to spare, exceed, excel, increase, be left, redound, remain (over and above).”*

### 4. In All Knowledge And Depth Of Insight,

- a) Knowledge is learning the facts
- b) BUT MORE, we need insight with our Knowledge - Definition: *“perception, that is, (figuratively) discernment: - judgment.”*
- c) More and more in all knowledge and depth of insight

### 5. So That You May Be Able To Discern What Is Best

- a) Discern - Definition: *“discern/approve to test (literally or figuratively); by implication to approve: - allow, discern, examine, X like, (ap-) prove, try.”*
- b) Best / excellent - Definition: *“surpass: - be better, be (more) excellent, make matter, publish, be of more value.”*

### 6. And May Be Pure And Blameless Until The Day Of Christ,

- a) Pure – “to be tested by sunlight”
- b) Blameless / without offence - Definition: *“actively inoffensive, that is, not leading into sin; passively faultless, that is, not led into sin: - none (void of, without) offence.”*
- ❑ Has two senses, that you are not sinning yourself, and you are not the cause of another brothers sin