

## **A PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP #2 slides**

The Spirit causes our abiding to bear fruit.

**Packer & Nystrom**, "Abiding in Christ" p. 23 kindle, Abide means, "Stay put in Him – that is to maintain dependence on Him for vision, goodwill, and wisdom to act, and help as they act."

**Galatians 5:22-24** "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

**Ephesians 4:11-16** "And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love."

**Micah 6:8** "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

**Galatians 5:19-21** "Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. *I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do (are practicing) such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*"

The Spirit critiques our abiding and fruit.

**John 10:27-30** "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. *I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.* My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

**Acts 27:31-32** “Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, “Unless these men *stay/abide* in the ship, you cannot be saved.” Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship’s boat and let it go.”

The Spirit causes our abiding to bear fruit in prayer.

**Colossians 3:16-17** “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

**Sinclair Ferguson** “Lessons from the Upper Room” p. 114, “The Word of Christ is the instrument of Christ, used by the Spirit of Christ, to nurture union with Christ and to transform us into the image of Christ.”

The Spirit causes our abiding to glorify the Father.

**Acts 3:12-13, 16** “And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him... And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

**Paul Tripp** “Sin always originates in the heart destroys those plans. Instead, we must humbly confess that when it comes to sin, our biggest problem is us. We are led astray not primarily by things outside of us but by the thoughts, desires, motivations, cravings, and choices of our own hearts. We also have no power whatsoever to change our hearts or the heart of anyone else.”