

## INTRO ....

*Before You Graduate from High School/College .... What Would You Like to Have Done or Experienced?*

- " " Turn 40 .....
- " " Retire .....

- *What is Informing Those Goals & Dreams?*

— A BARRAGE of Advertising

“Stuart Ewen, professor of communications at Hunter College, says in the “The Ad and the Ego” video that what affects us is not our experience of any one ad but of “the totality which repeats certain kinds of messages again and again.” This constant stream of messages - 3000 “impressions” a day according to researchers, on television, radio, billboards, buses, T-shirts, sports events, even urinals - forms the neural network of our consumer society.”  
California Newsreel Printout, [www.newsreel.org/articles/adadad.htm](http://www.newsreel.org/articles/adadad.htm)

— Your Front Row Seats to EVERYDAY LIFE IN AMERICA .... all that your family, co-workers, neighbors, & childhood friends are pursuing

Today .... “The Life of Fruit-bearing... Duplication, Multiplication, & Growth”

## Jn 15:16 .... THE FRUIT BEARING LIFE

2 Dynamics of the Fruit Bearing Life:

1. **Personal Fruitfulness** —> SANCTIFICATION ...
2. **Public Fruitfulness** —> EVANGELISM & Kingdom Advancement

### 1. PERSONAL FRUIT-BEARING

*Jn 15:8* ... “By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciple”

- *What Does it Mean for a Christian to Bear Fruit?*

... **What is “Fruit-bearing” in This Passage?** — Fruit is the Expression of the Life of the Vine — where there’s VITALITY in a Vine their’s Fruit..... It is the manifestation of the life of the vine in the branches.

It occurs “by the Spirit” as we ABIDE in Him

1 John 3:24 Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know

that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

1 John 4:7-14 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

"The Expression of the Life of the Spirit Into Our Lives is a Pentecostal Consequence"  
"The fruit of the Spirit is a Move of the Spirit!! .... It is a Pentecostal Event"

***FRUITFULNESS Has More Than One Aspect*** — More than just Personal Growth— ALSO,  
Public Growth

.... The Acts Church Had BOTH

## 2. PUBLIC FRUIT-BEARING

**Acts 1:8** ..... The "FRUIT BORN" by the Spirit's Empowerment will be EVANGELISM — Public Fruit.  
A Life of DUPLICATION & MULTIPLICATION

### MULTIPLYING IN JERUSALEM

Acts 2:41

Acts 2:47

Acts 4:4

Acts 5:14

### MULTIPLYING IN JUDEA & SAMARIA

Acts 8:1 .... Scattering the Seed Sowers

Acts 8:4-8, 25 ...

### MULTIPLYING TO THE END OF THE EARTH

Acts 11:19-26 ... Multiplying in Antioch

The Life We Were ALL Meant to Live — is a Life of Sowing the Seed of the Gospel!

**– Who Were These Seed Sowers?**

- Philip ....
- "those who were scattered" (Acts 11:19) ....  
— these were not the apostles, they remained in Jerusalem (Acts 8:1)
- "men of Cyprus and Cyrene" ....
- Barnabas ...

This is the MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT as spoken of in Acts 1:8 .... the Ministry that is Given to EVERY BELIEVER

“ ‘Very well. Evangelism is part of the church’s responsibility,’ you may be saying. ‘But there are lots of different ways of evangelism, and in any case it’s the minister’s job.’ ... Both of those statements are true, and both are misleading. It is true that there are lots of different ways of evangelism. Some people come to faith through going to a church service. Some through reading a portion of the Bible. Some through a vision. Some through a healing. Some through a sermon. Some through something they read. But extensive modern research in various countries leaves us in no doubt that most people are brought to faith through the loving persistence and friendship of someone close to them: a spouse, a friend, a family member. .... that seems to be the magnet for some 77 percent of new Christians in the West.” Michael Green, “Sharing Your Faith with Friends and Family”, p. 21, 11

## **DUPLICATING & MULTIPLYING CHURCHES .... Multiplying Beyond Antioch**

### **Acts 13:1-3 .... Church Planting — The Multiplying of Churches**

... What began with the church in Jerusalem has now taken root in Antioch, where an Organized Church has Been Established — It has Clear Leadership Definition and Organized Activities of Discipleship (Acts 11)

By the Time we get to the end of Acts there are churches in: Cyprus, Iconium, Derbe, Lystra, Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Colassae, Troas, Miletus, Rome, Caesarea, the regions of Galatia, Achaia, & Macedonia

***How Strong, Healthy, and Vital is Your VISION for DUPLICATION & MULTIPLICATION?***

