**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 13 October 2024**

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**Theme : Faithful Stewards to Bear Good Lasting Fruits**

**Last week, we Learnt from Elder Benny about Being Faithful & Wise Stewards:**

**~ The LORD has Saved us & Purposefully Planted us in His Body to Bear much Lasting Fruits.**

 **John 15: 16 (AMP)**

 “You have Not chosen ME, but I have Chosen you and I have Appointed and Placed and

 Purposefully Planted you, so that you would Go and Bear Fruit and Keep On Bearing, and that

 your Fruit will Remain and be Lasting, so that Whatever you ask of the FATHER in MY NAME

 [as MY Representative] HE may Give to you.”

**~ The LORD is searching for men and women whose hearts are Fully Committed and**

 **Loyal to HIM.**

**~ Those Set Apart for GOD’s Heavenly Calling are Entrusted and Faithful to Bear Fruits.**

**~ Faithfulness is essential and lead to Fruitfulness (Matthew 25: 14 – 30 > 5, 2 & 1 talent**

 **servants).**

**~ The LORD will Protect and Preserve HIS Faithful ones.**

**~ As a Church Body of Faithful people, make every effort to Guard and Keep the Unity by**

 **Valuing one another and Working Together Harmoniously.**

**Every Believer’s Growth is Shown by Bearing Fruit of CHRIST in Character & Nature.**

**Good Trees Bear Good Fruits.**

**Matthew 7: 20 (AMPC)**

“Therefore, you will fully know them by their fruits.”

**Matthew 12: 33, 35 (NLT)**

“A tree is identified by its fruit. If a TREE is GOOD, its FRUIT will be GOOD.

If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad.

A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and

an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart.”

**Hebrews 12: 14 – 15 (NKJ), 15 (MSG)**

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the LORD:

looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the Grace of GOD; lest any root of bitterness springing up

cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.

Make sure no one gets left out of GOD's Generosity. Keep a sharp eye out for weeds of

bitter discontent. A thistle or two gone to seed can ruin a whole garden in no time.

**~ A bitter/discontent heart > A defiled heart > Unproductive & Unfruitful.**

**Proverbs 4: 23; 14: 30**

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

A sound heart is life to the body, But envy is rottenness to the bones.

**~ Attitude of Getting our hearts Right so to Bear Good Fruits for GOD’s Kingdom.**

**True Disciples of CHRIST, HIS Faithful Stewards, Produce Much Fruit to Honor the FATHER.**

**John 15: 7 – 8 (AMPC), 8 (NLT)**

“If you live in ME [abide vitally united to ME] and MY Words remain in you and continue to live in

your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.  When you bear (produce) much fruit,

MY FATHER is Honored and Glorified, and you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of MINE.”

“When you produce much fruit, you are MY true disciples. This brings great Glory to MY FATHER.”

**John 14: 12 – 14**“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in ME, the Works that I do he will do also; and

Greater Works than these he will do, because I go to MY FATHER.
And whatever you ask in MY Name, that I will do, that the FATHER may be Glorified in the SON.
If you ask anything in MY Name, I will do it.”

**Faithful Stewards are Committed to Complete the Work of the FATHER, as JESUS Did.**

**John 17: 4 (AMP)**

I have glorified YOU [down here] on the earth by completing the Work that YOU gave Me to do.

**John 5: 17 (AMP)**

But JESUS answered them, “MY FATHER has been Working until now [HE has never

ceased Working], and I too am Working.”

**Acts 20: 24 (NLT)**

But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the Work assigned me by the LORD JESUS—the Work of telling others the Good News about the Wonderful Grace of GOD.

**~ Attitude of Being Focused to Finish Every Kingdom Work Assigned to us.**

**Paul warned Thessalonians to stay away from those living in idleness, but**

**Be with those who work day and night.**

**2 Thessalonians 3: 6 – 8a (AMP)**

Now we command you, believers, in the Name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST and by HIS Authority, that you withdraw and keep away from every brother or sister who leads an undisciplined life and does not live in accordance with the tradition and teaching that you have received from us.

For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined or inappropriate manner when we were with you [we were never idle or lazy,

nor did we avoid our duties], nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with

labor and hardship we worked night and day…

**~ Attitude of Exercising Discipline, Being Diligent & Being Reliable.**

**Faithful Stewards are Zealous & Keep On Bearing Fruits thru Good Deeds/Kingdom Works.**

**Titus 2: 14 (AMPC)**

Who gave Himself on our behalf that HE might Redeem us (Purchase our freedom) from all iniquity and Purify for Himself a people [to be peculiarly HIS own, people who are] eager and enthusiastic about [living a life that is good and filled with] beneficial deeds.

**1 Corinthians 15: 58 (NLT) / (MSG)**

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. ALWAYS WORK ENTHUSIASTICALLY

for the LORD, for you know that nothing you do for the LORD is ever useless.

With all this going for us, my dear, dear friends, stand your ground. And don’t hold back.

Throw yourselves into the Work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for HIM is

a waste of time or effort.

**~ Attitude of Working Enthusiastically for GOD’s Purposes with Every Opportunity we have.**

**Faithful Stewards are Workers laboring to be Fruitful IN HIS FIELD, Not just in Church.**

**Do not miss the FATHER’s Heart. *‘Elder brother’ attitude?***

**Matthew 9: 35 – 38 (NLT)**

JESUS traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And HE healed every kind of disease and illness.

When HE saw the crowds, HE had Compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

HE said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the LORD Who is

in charge of the harvest; ask HIM to send more workers into HIS fields.”

**~ Attitude of Burden for Souls with Action, in our Marketplaces & Communities.**

**Titus 3: 8, 14**

This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in GOD should be careful to maintain Good Works. These things are good and profitable to men.

And let our people also learn to maintain Good Works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

**~ Carefully maintaining/ devoting to Good Works from a Good Outflow.**

**Our Faith IN CHRIST & Love for people Compel us to Work for Fruitfulness through the**

**Good News of JESUS CHRIST.**

**Mark 12: 30 (AMP)**

And you shall love the LORD your GOD with all your heart, and with all your soul (life), and

with all your mind (thought, understanding), and with all your strength.

**Colossians 1: 3 – 6 (NLT)**

We always pray for you, and we give thanks to GOD, the FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

For we have heard of your faith in CHRIST JESUS and your love for all of GOD's people, which

come from your Confident Hope of what GOD has Reserved for you in Heaven.

You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the Truth of the Good News.

This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world.

It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you

first heard and understood the Truth about GOD's Wonderful Grace.

**~ Confident Hope in the Eternal Promise, for us and all who will be saved & endure til the End.**

**The HOLY SPIRIT is Working Through HIS Faithful Stewards for Powerful Fruitfulness.**

**Acts 10: 38 (NLT)**

And you know that GOD anointed JESUS of Nazareth with the HOLY SPIRIT and with Power.

Then JESUS went around Doing Good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for

GOD was with HIM.

**Luke 4: 18 – 19 (NLT)**

"The SPIRIT of the LORD is upon ME, for HE has anointed ME to bring Good News to the poor.

He has sent ME to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that

the oppressed will be set free, and that the Time of the LORD's Favor has come.”

**Aflamers, we are Chosen, we are Appointed, we are Placed & Purposefully Planted,**

**to Bear Fruits & Keep On Bearing.**

**Matthew 13: 8**
But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

**Matthew 13: 9**
“He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”