

## “There is Cake, And Then There Is CAKE!”

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Many times during my childhood I watched my mother decorate cakes for people. Wedding cakes, birthday cakes, holiday cakes—I could give a detailed description of the whole process of decorating a cake.

Notes:

[a] Acts  
13:22  
(NIV)

Years later I decided to decorate a “simple” round two-layer birthday cake. No problem, right? WRONG! I could easily bake the cake, but when it came to the details of getting the frosting smoothly on the cake and getting the words and other decorations neatly on the cake, that was another story. After considerable time of trial and error I decided that instead of a cake skillfully done, it would be a cake done “with love.” (and sugar sprinkles!) My experience here is proof that a cake made by someone who puts little time and effort in making and decorating it may be a cake but it is not necessarily the true essence of cake.

Now, lets consider something else. There is a difference between the spiritual walk that includes casually perusing the Bible on occasion and

praying only when something is needed, and the spiritual walk that includes searching the scriptures for God’s daily revelation and daily praying worshipfully and humbly for the Blessing to cover the Believer praying and others.

Think about this, David is called a man after God’s own heart.<sup>[a]</sup> Is this because David was sinless? Certainly not! But, looking through the Psalms one can easily see that David searched for his Heavenly Father’s will and expressed some of the most adoring and worshipful verses in the Word.

Please keep in mind that putting time, energy, and heart into your relationship with God will cause this relationship and your life overall to go further than you ever thought it could.

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## “Yield Good Fruit And Harvest” (Teaching Sketch)

Jeremiah 17:5-8 (NIV)



When I was following the leading of the Holy Spirit by developing a Sojourner’s Fellowships brochure, I was preparing to write a doctrine statement when suddenly the Holy Spirit said, “No, don’t produce a doctrine. The doctrines of men divide The Body. I will tell you what to say about what those in Sojourner’s Fellowships are to do.”

Notes:  
[a]

### Marching Orders

It was then I realized doctrine is not necessarily a marching order! Then I was taken to Jeremiah 23 to the section of “woe to the shepherds.” I must tell you I was a little taken back when I was first reading where I had been sent. I was wondering what I had done wrong to receive such a strong rebuke!

Then the Holy Spirit said, “Tell the people they are to do what these shepherds had failed to do! The Sojourners with you are to be doers and not just hearers! My people are to be people of action, my action through them. Believer

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and unbeliever alike are to see my glory flow through them in power!”

### Not Just Another Place

It was then I realized Sojourner’s Fellowships were not to be just another place to hear a message and go on about your life.

### Yield!

Everyone of us who drives a vehicle in a country that uses ‘YIELD’ signs has experienced someone who did not seem to understand the meaning of the word ‘yield’ and the proper response to it.

Many who have invited Christ into their lives have mistakenly only accepted him in as Savior but have never yielded to him as Lord. “Jesus is either LORD of all or not LORD at all!” I have heard John Hagee say this very thing numerous times.

Commitment to Christ is an all-the-way thing! The Be-

Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

## Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5-8 (NIV)

(NIV is employed here to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used)

<sup>5</sup>This is what the LORD says:  
“Cursed is the one who trusts  
in man,  
who draws strength from  
mere flesh  
and whose heart turns away  
from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>That person will be like a  
bush in the wastelands;  
they will not see prosperity  
when it comes.  
They will dwell in the  
parched places of the desert,  
in a salt land where no one  
lives.

<sup>7</sup>“But blessed is the one who  
trusts in the LORD,

whose confidence is in him.

<sup>8</sup>They will be like a tree  
planted by the water  
that sends out its roots by the

### Notes:

[a]  
probably  
from a  
primary  
verb eiro  
(to join);  
peace  
(literal or  
figura-  
tive); by  
implica-  
tion pros-  
perity :-  
one,  
peace,  
quietness,  
rest, + set  
at one  
again.

—  
Strong's  
Greek &  
Hebrew  
Diction-  
ary

stream.

It does not fear when heat  
comes;

its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of  
drought

and never fails to bear fruit.”

<sup>11</sup>It was he who gave  
some to be apostles,  
some to be prophets,  
some to be evangelists,  
and some to be pastors  
and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to pre-  
pare God's people for  
works of service, so that  
the body of Christ may  
be built up  
(Eph. 4:11-12 NIV)

### Just so you'll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to  
guide us corporately and individually.

**Our service usually follows this general pattern:**

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in,  
through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship** ([Offerings are placed in the basket at this time.](#))
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given  
during “Praise & Worship” (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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Sketch)

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### SOJOURNERS...

Yield good fruit and  
harvest unto the Lord  
their God.



liever is the person  
who has yielded to  
Christ. There is no  
such thing a partial  
yielding! Wherever  
two lanes of traffic  
and vehicles come  
together, at least one  
vehicle must yield to  
the other completely  
or there is disaster. A  
Christian is a yielded  
life to Christ.

### Planted & Fruitful

Yes, the Believer  
must be planted  
firmly in Christ to be  
fruitful. Fruit, good  
fruit, is what our Lord expects  
of us. A harvest is something  
that is yielded from seeds that  
were planted. The harvest our  
Lord wants, no expects, is a  
plentiful harvest—that's a  
good harvest.

We must not plant sparingly  
to have a small harvest, we  
must have a harvest full of  
fruit. If we harvest one nearly  
perfect apple that one apple  
no matter how well formed it  
may be is not a plentiful har-  
vest. It may be a beautiful  
apple but it is not the harvest  
our Lord expects.

What would you think if you  
received only one perfect dol-

lar for absolutely ex-  
emplary work and  
were told, “Yes, it is  
only one dollar but  
look it is fresh from  
the printing house  
and has no blemishes  
or folds. It is per-  
fect.” You might not  
be pleased even if  
you thought it was a  
beautiful specimen of  
a one dollar bill.

Believers are to yield  
both good fruit and  
plentiful fruit to their  
Lord!

### Notes:

#### Blessed By God

God wants to bless us! He has  
already blessed us by sending  
Jesus the Christ to bless us  
with salvation, healing, deliv-  
erance, and preservation! Je-  
sus yielded up his life so we  
would be restored to man-  
kind's original state and con-  
dition in all creation with  
him.

#### Bearing Good

Bearing good fruit and good  
harvest as one who has truly  
have accepted Jesus Christ as  
Lord and Savior places you in  
a position to draw upon the  
treasure you lay up in heaven.  
This is true in your sojourn  
now and in eternity!