

BE YE FRUITFUL



To be fruitful simply means to grow, blossom and be productive; it means to produce results that are beneficial and profitable. God commands us to be productive so that our works will bear fruit. This is His first instruction to us.

Gen 1:28 KJV And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Implications Of The Word “Be”

The word “be” adds particular weight to God's command for fruitfulness. It commands that the thing we are told to be should be in our nature, woven into our identity and comprise our whole state of existence.

When God said, “be fruitful” it was a command of permanence. We are not to occasionally be fruitful, because He did not qualify it as such. He said, “be” fruitful, which means at all times and in all things.

The word “be” is a verb. It is an active word. It is a word that calls things into action. The command to “be” means three things:

It is a declaration of potential. You cannot be what you don't have the capacity to be. When God said be fruitful, He had already planted within man. the potential for development and productivity. His command was a declaration of our potential.

It is a call into existence. “be” calls things forth. Our fruitfulness must be evident. When God says, “be,” whatever He has called, appears. In Genesis He said, “Let there be...” and there was. So the command to be fruitful is God's instruction for us to manifest the potential

planted in us. It must not be hidden; it must be brought into existence and be seen.

It is a command to obey. God's command is not a suggestion. It is a command to obey; it is imperative. He said, “be fruitful.” He didn't say “try” or “attempt” to be fruitful; He specifically commanded us to be fruitful, and we must obey. Being fruitful is also something we must do.

Fruitfulness has application for all areas of our lives. In the Bible, we find several references to fruitfulness.

Dimensions Of Fruitfulness

The fruit of the womb.



One of the oldest and commonest ways a person can be fruitful is through the fruit of the womb. It involves

bringing forth children into the world, and God intended us to be fruitful in this way.

Psalm 127:3 says, 3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward.

Admittedly, the procreation of children fits into this definition of fruitfulness. Children are a blessing from God and they should always be seen as such.

The fruit of the mind (thoughts).



The second kind of fruitfulness can be found in ***Jeremiah 6:19 which says, 19 Hear, O earth! Behold, I will certainly bring calamity on this people—The fruit of their thoughts, because they have not heeded My words Nor my law, but rejected it.***

The fruit of the thoughts refer to ideas that are generated by the human brain and used to serve good and useful

purposes. So you can be fruitful by bringing forth children into the world, and you can be equally fruitful by bringing forth good thoughts and ideas.

The fruit of the mouth and lips.



Fruitfulness can also be manifested in words. ***Proverbs 18:20 says, 20 A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; from the produce of his lips he shall be filled.***

Heb 13:15 KJV By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

Whenever I preach, I become fruitful because I convert thoughts and ideas into words, which I release through my mouth. And so though I will not be giving birth in the natural sense, I am still being fruitful because I am being

productive with my ideas and my words. This is what the Bible means by the fruit of the lips.

The fruit (works) of the hands.



Fruit of the hands refers to our works. What you create or develop with your physical ability are the fruit of your hands. They are the things we accomplish by using our body. ***Proverbs 31:30-31 says, 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hand, and let her own works praise her in the gates.***

Though this scripture exalts the virtuous woman and the fruit of her hands, it has wider application for every human being. The Bible is saying that the quality of the works we accomplish with our hands will earn us tremendous praise and recognition. It says, a woman

who fears the Lord shall be praised. In other words, the person who obeys God's command to be fruitful will be rewarded.

The fruit of the Spirit (Righteousness).



In Galatians 5:22-23, the Bible says, 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self control. Against such there is no law.

The fruit of the Spirit is character. The Bible exhorts us to bear fruit with our character by expressing love, joy, peace, kindness, self-control, goodness and faithfulness.

We can only bear fruit when we are in union with Christ. His life is reproduced in us.

Joh 15:5 KJV I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

It is apparent from these verses that the female womb is not the only fertile ground for fruitfulness. We can be fruitful with our minds, our hands, our lips and our character. Our minds produce ideas, our hands manufacture products, our lips speak words and our character exhibits moral and ethical values. These are additional areas where we can be fruitful.



With this command to be fruitful, we are equipped by God to bring into being things that are not currently in existence. In this sense, we can apply all of our dimensions of potential fruitfulness in two general ways:

By invention—bringing things into existence out of nothing, and

By improvement—making new things out of what already exists

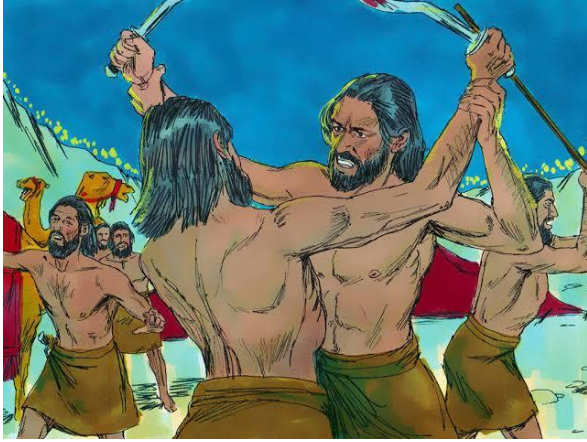
These two ways of being fruitful apply to ideas, words, products, and values systems. (Courtesy Dominion Mandate by Mensah Otabil)

Many times people are fruitful but the enemy comes against them. I give a case study of the children of Israel.

The Midianites

Jdg 6:3-6 KJV 3 And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them; 4 And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass. 5 For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it. 6 And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the

Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD.



They allowed them to sow but when it is harvest time, they will come with their cattles to destroy the fruit of the land. I pray for you, every waster of your increase, your land, blessings and destiny shall be wasted in a hurry in Jesus name.

They were labouring in vain and this was contrary to the will of God

Isa 65:23 KJV They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

How do we overcome and break the yoke of unfruitfulness?

It is by the anointing.

Isa 10:27 KJV And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

The yoke shall be broken because your neck is too large, because of fatness. He is not talking of obesity per se but accumulation of power and anointing. When the anointing increases, the yoke will snap and burst out.

The foxes

Son 2:15 KJV Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes.

Prayers:

Let the fire of the Lord consume every fox and every Midianite destroying the fruit of my labour in Jesus name.

I receive anointing to be fruitful, power for fruitfulness and I receive ability to be fruitful.