

# *“Detailing, Diagraming, & Demonstrating Biblical Fruit”*

1 John 2:6

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## **INTRO:**

- How important is it that you discern rightly?
- How important is it that you discern *righteously*?
- Think of Christ’s call, commands & commission...
- *Jesus answered* my question in **Matthew 10:16**

## **PRAYER**

## **CONTEXT:**

- Proverbs 29:18** = *prophetic vision* vs. perishing!
- Gospel Gardening: Roots, Fruits, & Boots*
- Today we’re transitioning from Fruits to Boots...
- 1 John... *“Defining & Defending the Church”*

## **TEXT:**

1 John 2:6

*“Those who claim to be in Christ must walk as Jesus walked.”*

## **BIG IDEA:**

Christians are the fore-chosen, faithful, fighting, **fruitful** family of God!

## PREVIEW:

1. **DETAILING** Faithful Fruit
2. **DIAGRAMING** Faithful Fruit
3. **DEMONSTRATING** Faithful Fruit

## TEXT:

### I. **DETAILING** Faithful Fruit

In our biblical unpacking of spiritual fruit **we have detailed:**

- **The Biblical Miracle** (Joel 2:28)
- The Biblical Miracle's **Muscle** (Zachariah 4:6)
- **Defining & Discerning** (Matthew 12:33)
- **Dissecting** (John 15:1-17)
- **Describing** (John 15:8)
- **Delivering** (1 Peter 1:3-4)
- **Deliberately Dangling** (1 Peter 1:5-11)
- **Deciphering** (Galatians 5:25)
- **Damning vs. Developing** (Romans 8:1-11)
- **Today:** Detailing, Diagraming & Demonstrating

**T/S:** Last week I shared a diagram that today I'd like to detail...

### II. **DIAGRAMING** Faithful Fruit

I call this my  
**“Here to There, Truth-in-Love Teaching Tool”**

Let me walk you back thru the diagram,  
but this time,  
with much more, (25 points of) biblical detailing...

**Where are YOU?**

**From Here To There In Christ**

**1 John 2:6**

*Those who claim to be in Christ must walk as Jesus walked.*

**2 Corinthians 13:5**

**Test yourselves** to see if you are in the faith; **examine yourselves!**

*Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ  
is in you-- **unless indeed you fail the test?***

1. Everyone begins “HERE”

John 12:31

*“**Now** judgment is upon this world;  
now the ruler of this world will be cast out.*

2. It’s essential that you see “you” (your dot) IN “here”

Ephesians 2:1-2

*And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.*

3. Believers have “broken OUT” (by God’s miraculous grace) of “here” (see the ARROW... The Gospel has freed believers from both the short term constraints AND the long term consequences of “here”)

John 6:44

*“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him;  
and I will raise him up on the last day.*

Romans 8:30

*And those whom **He** predestined **He** also called, and those whom **He** called **He** also justified, and those whom **He** justified **He** also glorified.*

**2 Timothy 1:9** (NIV)

*He has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,*

4. The QUESTION is: Where are you going?

**Galatians 6:8**

*For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap destruction, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.*

5. Draw the heavenly "THERE"

**John 14:3** (NASB)

*"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.*

6. For true Christians, the promise is that you will get "there" ...because every soul that has been JUSTIFIED will be GLORIFIED (see [John 8:32-36](#))!

**Psalm 20:6** (NASB)

*Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand.*

7. The space between “HERE” and “THERE” is where & when Christians are SANCTIFIED.

**2 Thessalonians 2:13**

*But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first-fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.*

**Titus 2:15**

*Declare these things, exhort and rebuke with all authority.  
Let no one disregard you.*

8. Note: the Gospel’s invitation is for ALL people (show the many dots...)

**Acts 20:21** (NIV)

*I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.*

9. The TRAGIC reality is.... many people MEET Jesus & have a MECHANICAL & even MINISTERIAL experience with The MESSIAH but NO MIRACLE...

[Luke 6:46](#)

*“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”*

10. Thus, countless people in church are NOT in Christ... they start and stop and spin their wheels in religious rules & rituals... in moralism & mere behavior modifications...

[Romans 8:6-7a](#)

*For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. **Z**For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God...*

11. See Jesus’ teaching in the Parable of the Soils!!!

[Hebrews 9:27](#)

*And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,*

12. “HERE” is filled with spiritual “wolves, goats, & weeds...” (see the Sermon on the Mount – [Matthew 5-7](#))

13. Draw the “ANYWHERE” option

14. The wolves, goats, and weeds talk about and trust an “ANYWHERE” other than the Gospel’s call for faithful OBEDIENCE...

**Colossians 2:8** (NLT)

*Don’t let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.*

15. Draw the BROAD ROAD”

**Matthew 7:13**

*“Enter by the narrow gate. **For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.**”*

16. Note: you don’t need to “choose” to leave “HERE” to go “ANYWHERE” because there is a “TRAP DOOR” that will deliver you eventually!

**Genesis 4:7** (NIV)

*If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But **if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.**”*



17. Draw the “TRAP DOOR”

[John 3:36](#) (NASB)

*"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."*

18. Stay “HERE” and you WILL end up in the torturous ABYSS of ANYWHERE – eternally separated from Christ!

[Galatians 5:19-21](#)

*When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21envy, drunkenness, wild parties, **and other sins like these**. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that **anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.***

19. This BROAD ROAD that leads to destruction is like a TOILET that flushes the faithless!

[Matthew 25:46](#)

*And these (broad road walkers) will go away **into eternal punishment**, but the righteous into eternal life."*

**VIDEO:** “I Am SIN”

20. God gave us His LAW to show the way to get from HERE to THERE... God's Law teaches like a tutor, how IMPERFECT sinners can be made RIGHTEOUS in the eyes of a PERFECT & HOLY God... (see Ephesians 2:8-10 & 2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

**Galatians 3:24** (NASB)

*Therefore, the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.*

21. "BUT GOD" - The Gospel paves the way... (see Ephesians 2:8-10 & 2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

**Romans 8:3** (NASB)

*For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,*

**T/S:** I pray that you see and understand...

**EVERYTHING is centered on and IN Christ!**

Don't miss the... **m M m**

### III. DEMONSTRATING Faithful Fruit

*It's only IN-Christ... and the power of His Holy Spirit that ANYONE can stay ON the narrow path from "here to there." - JDP*

22. The "NARROW PATH" is narrow, up-hill, and filled with PERSECUTION...

Matthew 7:14

*For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.*

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23. The STAIRWAY to HEAVEN, the narrow path of SANCTIFICATION is filled with PEAKS & VALLEYS, like an EKG line...

2 Corinthians 4:17

*For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,*

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Acts 1:8

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be My witnesses... (locally, regionally, & globally).*

24. Top side of the NARROW path is seen as we “Love God, Love People, & Serve the World” (this is where & how Christians LIVE and WALK “IN the SPIRIT”

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Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

22But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

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25. Bottom side of the NARROW path is marked by the BATTLES & BRUISES of spiritual WARFARE!

**Remember... the blessing is IN the BATTLE!** - JDP

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### Ephesians 6:10-20

**10** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. **14** Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, **15** and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. **16** In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; **17** and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, **18** praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, **19** and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, **20** for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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**CLOSE:** 1 John 2:6 is backed up by 1 John 3:18 & Jesus...

Matthew 12:33

*“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit.”*

**BIG IDEA:**

Christians are the fore-chosen,  
faithful, fighting, **fruitful** family of God!

**T/S:** Next week we’ll begin to look at our Family Tree...

For now...

***Remember that our missional fruit is always dependent upon our miraculous roots.*** - JDP

(cf. Ephesians 2:8-10 & 2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

**John 14:6**

***“I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Me.***

***Our fight is the fruit & proof of our faith & our family!*** - JDP

\*\*\* and at the same time... \*\*\*

***Our FAITH is the FRUIT  
and proof  
of our  
FIGHT and our FAMILY!*** - JDP

Let's **PRAY!**