FRUIT THAT REMAINS John 15 Keys to Fruitful Living – Part 4 of 4 Okezie Ofoegbu February 26, 2017

Live in me, and I will live in you. A branch cannot produce any fruit by itself. It has to stay attached to the vine. In the same way, you cannot produce fruit unless you live in me. "I am the vine. You are the branches. Those who live in me while I live in them will produce a lot of fruit... You didn't choose me, but I chose you. I have appointed you to go, to produce fruit that will last, and to ask the Father in my name to give you whatever you ask for.

(John 15:4 – 8, 16 – God's Word Translation)

TO UNLEASH THE FRUIT THAT REMAINS IN YOUR LIFE, YOU MUST:

- 1. Acknowledge that you are a FINISHED work of God in Christ Jesus
 - Your God is not REACTIVE; He is PROACTIVE He has acted in ETERNITY before anything was made

"Known unto God from ETERNITY are ALL His works..." (Acts 15:18, NKJV)

- Your sins cannot prevent what God will do in your life because He has <u>DONE IT ALREADY</u>
- The Fruits that Remain are the Works of God in you that have been **FINISHED IN ETERNITY** and you are now **MANIFESTING IN TIME**.
- Just like your salvation you received in time by <u>FAITH</u> what was already provided in eternity by <u>grace</u>
- 2. Live constantly in the consciousness that you are a Finished Work of God in Christ
 - A fruit is **evidence** of who you are. It is not something you do to **become**; it is something you do because **you are**.
 - You are not trying to become a branch of Jesus by bearing fruit. You bear fruit because you are a branch.
 - If you live by looking at what is happening in the natural, you are <u>walking in flesh</u>; and if you walk in the flesh you will manifest the **works of the flesh**.

- If you live by looking at what has happened and has already been done in the Spirit in Christ, you are <u>walking in Spirit</u>; and when you walk in the Spirit, you will produce the **fruit of the Spirit**
- Therefore, to live in Jesus and let Jesus live in you = walk in the Spirit
- 3. Find Situations that will Challenge you to Reveal the Finished Work of God in You
 - To go means to <u>take risks</u>. It means to leave your comfort zone and put yourself in a position that will challenge you. Just like Jesus did..

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people...and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. (Matthew 4:24 – 25, NKJV)

Write down 5 specific examples of places or situations you can go to today that will challenge you to reveal the finished work of God in you. Write examples in church, at home, with family, with friends.

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