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In *Genesis 1:27-28*, God our Father gives us a powerful command: to be fruitful and multiply. All too often, we limit this divine instruction to the realm of childbearing alone.

However, God's intention goes far beyond reproduction. He has called us to grow, create, and thrive—spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, and materially. As believers, true joy and fulfilment come when we choose to embrace productivity as a divine responsibility, not merely a personal goal.

So, what does it truly mean to be fruitful? And what essential truths should you understand about it?

First, *fruitfulness is at the very heart of God's plan for your life*. It's not just a suggestion; it's a divine calling. As you pursue this calling, you'll face obstacles, especially since this kind of life may feel unfamiliar. But staying committed to being productive and fruitful as a vital part of your obedience to God is key to overcoming these challenges.

Second, *fruitfulness is your responsibility*. As a believer, you're called to act, not just pray. Our Father and maker has entrusted you with gifts and opportunities, and it's up to you to put them to work. Faith without effort leads nowhere.



Finally, *true fruitfulness isn't just about money*. It starts with developing strong character, building meaningful relationships, and cultivating a mindset rooted in God's truth (His Word). Financial blessings may come, but they are a result, not the foundation of true productivity.

Lessons from the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14–30)

The parable of the talents reveals how God calls us to a life of fruitfulness and purpose. Let's explore how we can apply these principles in our daily lives:

Each servant was given something based on their ability, reminding us that God equips us with what we need—talents and opportunities. We're meant to use them, not bury them. *The master expected growth, not maintenance*, just as God expects us to live fully and bear fruit, not just exist. *Though the servants shared the same environment (same master, same conditions)*,

their outcomes differed. This shows that what matters most isn't what you've been given, but what you choose to do with it. Lastly, there's the crucial question: *Do you really want to be fruitful?* Because fruitfulness begins with a willing heart. God expects each of us to live a life of purpose and productivity.

Finally, there is a joy that comes with letting your life reflect God's abundance by fulfilling His command to be fruitful. Choose to rise above fear, push past limitations, and multiply the talents God has placed in your hands.

This is your moment. It's time to break through to fruitfulness! *Grace to your heart. Amen.*

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