Remain in Christ

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[0:00] Well, as we look forward to a new year and decade, most of us, I think, would like to be fruitful in it. We may not use the word fruitful, but most of us would have a good or successful year, don't we?

We may not use the word fruitful, but most of us would like to be successful in it. It's why people make those new year's resolutions. I like this child called Eve on the next slide who says, This year I will work at becoming a famous singer or accomplished ice dancer.
Wow, is that all? Although it's better than Hadassah, age 7, who on the next slide says, I am going to stop picking my nose, it's going to be hard.
But his wish is maybe better than Hadassah. Hadassah said, this year I will not be able to be a big. This wish is a big challenge. Of course, we want to be fruitful in other ways, don't we?
For example, we want our bodies or our medication or treatment to bear the fruit of God. We want our bodies or our health. We want our bodies or our health. We want our bodies or our health.
[1:25] Or we want our bodies, whether it's school or university, to bear the fruit of good marks and a good job. Or we want our bodies or our bodies.

We want our bodies or our bodies to bear the fruit of good marks and a good job. Last weekend was Chinese New Year, and as I understand it, millions of grandparents gave their children these little red envelopes called Hongbao.
On Sunday, it was the New Year of China. Many of the old people would have prepared a red velvet and a red velvet in a red velvet. We would call it a red velvet. They're full of money.
I wish I had this custom growing up. I wish I had this custom growing up. I hope I had this custom growing up. But as I understand it, this gift of money in a lucky red envelope was to secure a year of good fortune or fruitfulness for those who receive them.
[redacted] And the point is, no matter what culture we come from, we want to have a good or fruitful year.
[2:32] [redacted] Well, as a church, Jesus wants us to be fruitful this year too. In fact, He wants us to bear much fruit.

[redacted] We see this at the end of our passage in John chapter 15 verse 8.
So if you grab your handouts and turn to the Bible reading, and Vijay can bring my one up, which I'll left in my seat. We can see in chapter 15 verse 8. [redacted] Verse 8 says, This is to my father's glory that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.
[redacted] You see, it's the night that Jesus is betrayed and about to be crucified, and since he is leaving this world to return to his father, he tells them, the disciples and us, what we are to do in the world without him.
[redacted] As individuals and as a church, we had to bear much fruit for God's glory, fruit that shows us to be Christ's disciples.
[4:31] [redacted] In fact, this is what God wanted for Israel. [redacted] In our first reading, on the slide there, we saw how Israel was originally the vine and God the gardener, and Israel was to bear the fruit of righteousness and justice.

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