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TEN GOLDEN KEYS TO ALL-ROUND FRUITFULNESS

...unlocking a life that flourishes in every dimension

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God's First Word to Man: Be Fruitful

Fruitfulness is not achieved by desire or prayer alone. God expects us to do our part, while He faithfully perfects what concerns us and accomplishes what lies beyond our ability. Scripture teaches the principle of first things first. It is on this premise that these ten golden keys, which are foundational to fruitfulness in every area of life, as revealed in **John 15**, are being taught.

In **John 15:1-16**, Jesus reveals that fruitfulness is the natural result of abiding in Him. This truth originates in Genesis, the book of beginnings, where God's first words to humanity were a blessing and a mandate: "Be fruitful and multiply." This divine command reveals God's enduring desire for His people. For without

fruitfulness, there is nothing to multiply. So, how do you flourish in all dimensions of life, based on the revelation in John 15? Find out in this compelling message, as you apply those ten golden keys in your life.

#1. The Vine Chain of Command

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser" (**John 15:1**). This is the first golden key you must never forget. If you do not understand this chain, you will work like an elephant and eat like an ant, yet never enjoy what you amass (**Ecclesiastes 6:2**).

Jesus said, *"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser."* He established Himself as the true vine; anything outside Him is counterfeit. What God intended through Christ was

what He did with Adam in Eden, but Adam messed it up (**Genesis 3**). Jesus is the new plant the Father planted—our tree of life. The chain of command is this: the Father is the vinedresser, the Son is the vine, and the believer is a branch of the vine.

Jesus is not sweating to prosper you. He said we should ask the Father in His name because there is a connection (**John 14:13-14**). If you do not mix up that chain of command, you will have sufficiency in all things. Just as the Father is interested in the vine, He is also interested in the branches. David caught this revelation in **Psalms 16:5-6**. The first golden key is what gets you through to the next door.

#2. Knowing the Counterfeit Vines

Jesus did not say, "I am a vine." He said, "I am the true vine." If there is a true vine, there are also counterfeit vines. Some religions emphasise peace and harmony, but they are religions, not a relationship with God. Jesus is the way, the

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WHO WE ARE

"We are a people sent to the nations, governments and powers of the earth as the voice of reason, possibilities and hope. We are the instrumentality of catalysing change and centralising God in the governance of nations. Our mandate is to enforce the Kingdom of God over the kingdoms of this world that have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. We are men and women, boys and girls who love God and love people and who serve God and serve people. We always seek to give hope and to be at the forefront of driving change both spiritually and governmentally. We exist, primarily, as a fully functional church and conceptually as a governmental force for change, good governance and leadership."

THE CGCC CREDO

- ➔ Love God, Love People
- ➔ Serve God, Serve People
- * By doing the above, we glorify God individually and corporately.

OUR COMMITMENTS

- ➔ Wholehearted Worship of God
- ➔ Prayer ➔ Ministry of the Word ➔ Evangelism
- ➔ Seeing People Grow Deeper (Discipleship)
- ➔ Helping People Build Vital Relationships with Other Believers
- ➔ Loving God and Loving People
- ➔ Serving God and Serving People

OUR CORE LEADERSHIP VALUES

- ➔ Compassion
- ➔ Intelligence
- ➔ Responsibility
- ➔ Judgement
- ➔ Influence



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truth, and the life. He is the only way back to God because He is the true vine (**John 14:6; 1:1-12**). If you believe in the vine chain of command, you must know that other vines imitate the true vine. Many are sincere, but sincerity is never enough to get you to heaven.

#3. Consequences for Your Action

“Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit” (John 15:2).

Whether you produce fruit or not, there will be consequences for your actions. If you bear fruit, the vinedresser will purge you of excesses until there is no flesh left—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (**1 John 2:16**). But if you do not produce fruit, He will cut you off. It is by your fruits that you shall be known (**Matthew 7:15-23, Galatians 6:7-9**).

#4. Knowing That You Are Already Clean

“You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you” (John 15:3). Do not try to live holy by your strength, because no man shall prevail by strength (**1 Samuel 2:9**). If you are not clean, you cannot produce fruit. The only way to be clean is to take the word that has been spoken, digest it, and live by it. Until you meet the Author, the word is not quickened because the highest manifestation of God is His word (**Psalms 138:2, 2 Peter 1:2**).

#5. Abide in Him

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the

vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me” (John 15:4). The only way to produce fruit is by abiding in Him and His words abiding in you. To abide means to stay, dwell, remain, and live within. It is a moment-by-moment consciousness of the presence of God. The secret of fruitfulness and all-round abundance is abiding in Him and letting His word abide in you (**Psalms 1:1-6, Joshua 1:8**).

#6. Without Him, You Cannot Bear Fruit

“... He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). Anything achieved outside of God is nothing—empty and of no lasting value. Paul counted all he had before Christ as loss, that he might win Christ (**Philippians 3:7-14**). The secret of fruitfulness is knowing that without God you can do nothing, and letting “By the grace of God” remain your constant confession.

#7 Hold Firmly to the Love of God

“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love” (John 15:9). God does not condemn you when you come to Him (**John 3:16-18, Romans 8:1-2**). As you engage the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, the law of sin and death is broken in your life (**Romans 8:11**). Hold on to the love of God and abide in His love for God is love (**1 John 4:7-21**).

#8. Faith Only Works by Love

Without love, you cannot activate faith—and without faith, it is impossible to please God. You can labour your entire life, but without faith, it

OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL OPERATIONAL DYNAMICS

- ➔ Church-in-the-House
- ➔ Church-in-the-Community
- ➔ Church-in-the-City
- ➔ Church-in-the-Cloud.

OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL GROWTH DYNAMICS

- ➔ To grow up.
- ➔ To grow big.
- ➔ To grow very rich.
- ➔ To grow together.

is impossible to please God. You cannot rely on reasoning or market forces. When you are connected to God and your life is full of love, the power of hate cannot destroy you. With love, you activate faith, and with faith, you please God (**Hebrews 11**).

#9. The Love of God Brings You into Rest

It is the love of the Father that activates the faith of God within you, bringing you into a place of rest—a place where striving ceases. At that level, you begin to hear His voice clearly. Your heart is no longer hardened, and you enter His rest (**Hebrews 4:9-10**).

#10. Your Joy May Be Full

“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full” (John 15:11). A half-filled tank of joy is unstable—joy mixed with misery, up today and down tomorrow. But when your joy is full, it becomes your strength (**Nehemiah 8:10**).

In that place, whether circumstances are favourable or not, the joy of the Lord sustains you. The devil cannot defeat you when he cannot steal your joy, and nothing can separate you from the love of God.