

## **Scripture References for *I Can Produce Good Fruit Singing Time***

**You can tell what kind of a tree you have by the fruit it produces:** “And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and **the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind**, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so” (Genesis 1:11)

**Figuring out the what kind of a tree one has takes patience and time:** “**For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself**; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear” (Mark 4:28).

**Reading scriptures and listening to leaders helps the trees of our testimonies to grow:** “But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty” (Matthew 13:23).

**When we hear, understand, and act, we end up changing:** “Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:” (Matthew 3:8).

**If we try to follow Jesus every day, we will become more like Him (i.e., produce good fruit):** “And because of your diligence and your faith and your patience with the word in nourishing it, that it may take root in you, behold, by and by ye shall pluck the fruit thereof, which is most precious, which is sweet above all that is sweet, and which is white above all that is white, yea a, and pure above all that is pure: and ye shall feast upon this fruit even until ye are filled, that ye hunger not, neither shall ye thirst” (Alma 32:42).

**The fruit of repentance/the Atonement is very precious and valuable:** “My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver” (Proverbs 8:19).

**As we change, we can have more gifts of the Spirit with us:** “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith...” (Galatians 5:22).

**Gifts of the Spirit allow us to act more like Jesus and help Him bless others:** “Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them” (Matthew 7:20).

**Other people will come to know us as disciples of Jesus Christ because of the things we say and do (i.e., the fruit we produce):** “For every tree is

known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes" (Luke 6:44). OR "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" (Matthew 7:16).

**Good thoughts and desires = good fruit:** "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit" (Matthew 7:17 OR 3 Nephi 14:17).

**Negative thoughts and desires = bad/rotted fruit:** "For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit" (Luke 6:43).

**If we keep trying to follow Jesus, He will take care of us and help us to love others:** "He that is faithful, the same shall be kept and blessed with much fruit" (D&C 52:34).

**When we love others, we will see that it makes the world a better place:** "Now behold, we can look forth and see the fruits of our labors; and are they few? I say unto you, Nay, they are many; yea, and we can witness of their sincerity, because of their love towards their brethren and also towards us" (Alma 26:31)

**So the fruit we produce has a ripple effect...it makes more fruit...what we send out into the world comes back to us:** "...who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof?" (1 Corinthians 9:7).

**So if we help others, we will live in a good world. If we hurt others, it makes our lives unhappy:** "Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices" (Proverbs 1:31)

**We can help each other:** "And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together" (John 4:36).

**When we help others, it makes Heavenly Father happy:** "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" (John 15:8).

**We should thank Heavenly Father for all of the blessings He gives us:** "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name" (Hebrews 13:15).

**Other possible scripture references:**

“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Matthew 22:37-39)

“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that **bringeth forth his fruit in his season**; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper” (Psalm 1:1-6).

“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye **should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain**: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you” (John 15:16).

**Righteousness:** “(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth)” (Ephesians 5:9).

**Promises:** “1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will ...2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God....**Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle**, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep” (Deuteronomy 28:1-4).

**Repentance:** “And now, my brethren, I would that ye should humble yourselves before God, and **bring forth fruit meet for repentance**, that ye may also enter into that rest” (Alma 13:13).

**Righteousness:** “**The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life**; and he that winneth souls is wise” (Proverbs 11:31).

**Correction:** “Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous:: nevertheless afterward **it yieldeth the peacable fruit of righteousness** unto them which are exercised thereby” (Hebrews 12:11).

**Preparing the Earth for the Savior’s Second Coming:** “That they may **bring forth fruit meet for their Father’s kingdom**;...” (D&C 84:58).

**Thoughts:** “Hear, O earth: behold, **I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts**, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it” (Jeremiah 6:19).

“**Every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down**, and cast into the fire” (Matthew 7:19).

“Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and **given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.**” (Matthew 21:43).

**Tithing & Temple Worship:** “That thou shalt **take of the first of all the fruit of the earth**, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the Lord thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God shall choose to place his name there” (Deuteronomy 26:2) (Becomes part of the Lord’s storehouse)

**Words:** “**I create the fruit of the lips**; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him” (Isaiah 57:19).

**Missionary Work:** “He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and **fill the face of the world with fruit**” (Isaiah 27:6).