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I. This is me telling you what you already know

A. Bearing fruit in a _____ family is hard! B. Bearing <u>fruit</u> in a <u>BLENDERED</u> family is harder!

Blended

As kids and as adults, most of us enter into blended families having suffered deep hurts from divorce, abandonment or death of a loved one. As much healing and recovery as we may have had, we're all still deeply wounded, insecure creatures who are constantly and indirectly asking each other, "Do you really love me?," "Can I trust you?," and "If there's a conflict or I mess up, are you going to leave me too?"

Blended

Unconditional love is a truth yet to be proven early in any relationship, but especially in blended families. By its nature, love needs time to reveal its true character. One of our favorite reassurances to each other and to our kids is, "I'm not going anywhere." Meaning, we are playing for keeps. Even when feelings get hurt or kids reject us or things don't go anything like we planned.

II. Good News-You can cultivate Potent family <u>fruit!</u> Galatians 5:22

Truth#2: Constant vigilance is needed if I am to become and reproduce 'good fruit'. Galatians 5:22-Fruitful Family Living
Your Personal Fruit Assessment:

Fruitful Family Living

Love Joy Peace
Patience Kindness Goodness
Faithfulness Gentleness Self-Control





Series Wrap

Healthy Families and Needy Children
Two Truths

Intro: The Fruit of a Christian Family

1 Thessalonians 1:5,6

Christian Family Fruit

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You know how we lived among you for your sake.

You became imitators of us and of the Lord,

Another way to see the Christian Family John 15:5,8

Christian Family Vineyard

John 15:5

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

8 "By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

Truth #1: I become and reproduce the fruit of the vine I'm "plugged into".

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