

**INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ**

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*...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE**

**27:12:15**

**Theme: SPIRITUAL FRUITFULNESS**

**Memory Verse:** *Matthew 28:19-20* “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: [20] Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen”.

**Texts: Galatians: 5: 22-23, John 15: 1-8**

It is important for believers to desire to be fruitful spiritually also. The heart-cry of Rachel was to have children. She was ready to die rather than remain barren. She felt that the childlessness was a great reproach. Really, the Lord gives a similar picture while talking about spiritual barrenness. Christians are expected to bring forth fruits which are of two types: the fruits of the Spirit and the fruits of evangelism (John 15:16, Mark 16:15, 16). With God’s grace being made available, there is no reason why believers should not have spiritual children. Christ expects believers to ask Him for children. (Psalm 2:8). Except believers earnestly pray and ask the Lord for conversion of souls, there will not be any major breakthrough.

Believers in the early church had one paramount desire it was to preach the gospel. The apostles will rather evangelise than serve tables (Acts 6:4). Even those who were assigned to serve tables were so involved in the ministry of the word that one of them, Stephen, became the first martyr and another Philip became the first evangelist. Today, many believers no longer see the need to bear spiritual children any more. If believers can cry like John Knox who prayed: “Give me Scotland or I die” And really God answered his prayers and converted many souls in Scotland

The fields are white and ready for harvest. Many do not evangelise because (1) iniquity is multiplying and so many are not willing to hear the gospel (2) economic difficulties, (3) Luke warmth and increasing pursuit of materialism (4) shyness and lack of self-confidence. Other flimsy excuses such as inadequate education and insufficient knowledge of scriptures are often given to justify their disobedience. Other flimsy excuses such as inadequate education and insufficient knowledge of scriptures are often given to justify their disobedience.