

Sharing Time

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I. Introduction.

II. May Griffin's testimony.

- A. She came to church through the insistent invitation of a friend.
- B. She received Christ's invitation and was transformed. (Revelation 3:20; 2 Corinthians 5:17)
- C. The principle of multiplication: a little one can become a thousand.

III. The love of God is the root system of the Christian that gathers food. (Ephesians 3:17)

IV. Christ is the stem of the Christian that allows her to bear fruit. (John 15:5)

V. The Spirit is represented by leaves that give energy to Christians.

- A. Our part is to read the Bible, pray and be in fellowship. (Hebrews 10)
- B. We are fruit inspectors. (Galatians 5:17)
- C. Leaves are not fruit.
- D. The flower is the product of a healthy Christian. It is the fruit of the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 2:14-16)
- E. We should inspect the leaves and the fruit.

VI. God's constancy toward God is not based on our constancy toward him.

Application questions:

1. How does a plant work well as a metaphor for the Christian life?

2. What is our responsibility in growth?

3. What is your plan for spiritual growth in the next week? Explain.
