



DAY SEVEN - I am chosen, appointed to be fruitful...by Jesus.

John 15:16 “You did not *choose* Me, but I *chose* you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.”

I am blessed that I had grandparents as I was growing up. I looked forward to being with them. It was always a special time for me because I got one-on-one attention from them that my parents of five children had difficulty to give me. Reflecting back, I admit that one grandparent was my favorite. She had nine grandchildren. But I believe I was her favorite. I felt special because, of the nine, she *chose* me. She was the kind of grandmother that led each of her nine grandchildren to believe they each were her favorite. She always let me know she recognized great gifts and potential in me. She bragged on about me to others, as grandparents often do. She inspired me to raise my game in all that I did. I worked hard so that I would never let her down. She came to mind as I read today’s Scripture. She reflected Jesus.

Jesus *chose* you and I even before we fully knew Him. He had already *chosen* us when we became aware of His life and His sacrifice for us. We did nothing to earn it; he loved us first. He knows our individual giftedness and brags on about us like a grandparent. He appointed us to a great task on this journey of life. While I delighted in living out my appointed task for my grandmother, I am blessed all the more to carry out my appointed fruit-bearing for Jesus. Just knowing I am “appointed” by Jesus gives me confidence. He believes in me! He knows I can do it! I am thankful for the reminder this verse brings; that I am on a mission from God, especially when I find myself distracted by this world.

We are called to bear fruit by sharing the Gospel to others for His Kingdom. The “fruit” is the people’s lives that are eternally changed when we they accept the gospel story. His Word speaks great expectation into our lives. Yet, we are not left out on our own to do His work. He wants us to do His work by the power of the Holy Spirit. He desires that we call out to Him in prayer, asking for what we need to carry out our appointed task. He responds. We can depend upon Him; He is reliable. Praise God!



“There is a crown which nobody’s head but yours can wear. There is a seat in which none but yourself can sit. There is a harp that will be silent till your fingers strike it’s strings.” Charles Spurgeon