

## Thriving During “Seasons of Barrenness”

Every human wants to live a fruitful life. We all desire to do something worthwhile, something that blesses people. We need to feel significant.

But life on earth occasionally brings “season of barrenness.” Those time of “fruitlessness” confuse us, hurt us, and test us. Nevertheless, you cannot escape all seasons of barrenness.

Accept barren seasons as normal cycles of life. God designed humans to be “fruitful in season.” Fruitful seasons bring joy but cannot last forever.

Why can’t we constantly enjoy the thrill of bearing fruit? Is it too much to expect uninterrupted high-intensity fruit bearing?

Yes, it’s too much to ask. Endless fruitfulness sometimes endangers our relationship to God. We become so engrossed with productivity that we forget the God who alone makes us fruitful. **Temporary barrenness allows us to refocus our attention on God’s Person.** We recall that serving Him is primarily all about loving Him. Then we don’t become discouraged by barrenness.

Fruitfulness springs from union with Jesus, the Creator of all things. So, in order to increase our fruitfulness, He uses seasons of barrenness to deepen His fellowship with us. Deepened fellowship brings incredible fruitfulness. Friends, don’t be discouraged during barren seasons. Recall Jesus’ promise to those who set their hearts upon loving Him. “If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit.”

*Scriptures referred to: Psalm 1:3; John 15:5*