



**Five-Day Devotional: Laboring, Sharing, and Partaking of the Fruit**

*From the Pastor's Desk*  
Devotional Inspiration  
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Introduction: This devotional provides a glimpse into my personal journey—moments of reflection, growth, and grace. In other words, I am sharing personal fruit to become public fruit through these devotionals. Eat and share with others the fruit I am sharing with you.

While we may serve in different roles within the body of Christ, the heart of the message remains the same, and the call to servanthood is unchanged. These personal reflections and applications are meant to speak to all, regardless of calling or position.

Through it all, one truth remains constant: God is so faithful! To Him be all the glory, dominion, and power, now and always!

Blessings,

Pastor Jerry D. Fryar

**Note to reader:** *The objective of the Five-day Devotionals is to encourage us to become more influenced by God's character, above any circumstance. This is highlighted using scripture references from the New King James Version unless otherwise indicated.*



**Day 1: Revisit the Word — There's still fruit**

**Scripture:** *Jeremiah 15:16*

*"Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart..."*

**Devotional thought:** At the close of 2024 and into 2025, God spoke clearly: **Revisit things I have already spoken to you.** There is still life and nourishment in what He gave before. The devotionals and notes of past seasons are not outdated; they carry timeless fruit. Don't overlook what you have already received; go back and eat again and feed/share with others.

**Reflection:**

- What past word or message do I need to revisit?
- Have I fully received and applied what God previously spoke?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, *open my eyes to see the life in what You have already spoken. Help me not to rush past what still holds nourishment for today.*



**Day 2:** The labor of prayer — intense and ongoing

**Scripture:** *Luke 22:44*

*“And being in agony. He prayed more earnestly...”*

*Mark 1:35*

*“Now in the morning... having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place: and there He prayed.”*

**Devotional thought:** Like Jesus, our journey includes both **agonizing prayer** and **faithful consistency**. Not every season is Gethsemane, but all prayer is vital. During intense times (when facing certain intense challenges in ministry and life), God strengthens us in ways we don’t realize until much later. And in quieter seasons, He invites us to keep showing up.

**Reflection:**

- Am I present with God both in crisis and in calm?
- What does faithful, daily prayer look like in this season?

**Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, help me to stay with You in every season—whether intense or quiet. Let my prayers be shaped by trust, not just need.*



**Day 3:** Strength for the struggle — God’s faithfulness

**Scripture:** *2 Timothy 4:17*

*“But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me...”*

**Devotional thought:** Looking back on trials, I see how God held me—through pain, church transitions, and personal loss. He didn’t just get me through; He strengthened and matured me. Gratitude rises as I reflect: *Thank You, Lord, for how You kept me.* His faithfulness was not seasonal—it is ongoing.

**Reflection:**

- Where do I see God’s hand in past hardships?
- How can I thank Him today for what I have overcome?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, *thank You, for never leaving me. Strengthen me again today with the memory of Your past faithfulness and awareness of Your abiding presence.*



**Day 4:** Keep laboring and giving

**Scripture:** *1 Corinthians 15:58*

*“Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord...” (NIV).*

**Devotional thought:** God is calling: **keep laboring.** Continue giving out the fruit of what He has planted in you. Ministry and life doesn’t end with hardship; it grows through it. Even when tired or unnoticed, keep sowing what He gives. Your labor is not in vain—others are being nourished because you keep giving.

**Reflection:**

- Am I withholding anything God has called me to share?
- How can I be more faithful in “giving out the fruit”?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, *help me not to grow weary in well-doing. Remind me that my labor in You has eternal purpose.*



**Day 5:** Be a partaker of the fruit

**Scripture:** *2 Timothy 2:6 – “The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.”*

**Devotional thought:** Just as eating and sleeping renew us physically, so too does feeding ourselves spiritually and resting in God’s faithfulness bring spiritual renewal. Those who labor must also partake. God doesn’t call us to serve others while starving spiritually ourselves. We must humbly and intentionally receive from His Word—being both doers and receivers. Let God nourish you with the same truth you are called to share.

Note: In addition to receiving material support, this verse also implies that those who labor in teaching and sharing the Word must first be nourished by it themselves—they must be spiritually fed before feeding others. People who learn to eat biblically what he/she serves to others will probably not be concerned much about spiritual burnout or dropout.

**Reflection:**

- Am I allowing God to feed me with the Word I give others?
- Where do I need to slow down and receive?

**Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, help me not only to serve but also to sit at Your feet. Let me be a faithful partaker of the fruit You produce in and through me.*