



Veritas in Prayer Raising Up and Producing Spiritual Fruit

“You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, you will know them by their fruits.” Matthew 7:16-20

As Believers, we have a choice. We are grateful for the choice You give us to “walk in the Spirit” (Gal. 5: 16-18) rather than in the flesh. We desire to “grow up into full maturity in Christ.” (Eph. 4:15-19). We declare that we will choose Your Spirit over our flesh. Jesus tells us that we will be known by our fruit. (Matt. 7:20) We pray that our body of Believers will choose to turn from our fleshly desires and will grow in our relationship with Christ, producing much fruit. Through Your Son, Jesus, we may partake of the living water and the bread of life, which leads to the fruit of the Spirit, growth, and maturity. We stand against the enemy who wants us to be uprooted from our position in Christ and tempts us to remain as babies in our faith, dried up, and unproductive. We deny all the lies he whispers about our spiritual heritage. We are members of a spiritual family that will never die, nor be disconnected to the Vine, and will continue to grow up mature in our faith. Will proclaim that we will produce much fruit in the place where you have planted us, in Austin, TX, within a body of Believers at Veritas Academy.

We know that, through Christ as our head, we will have fruitful marriages and families in our body who are walking in the fruit of the Spirit. Our fathers and mothers will raise children maturely. Jesus, You set such a perfect example for us. You are described as a “tender plant” that grew up in “dry ground.” in Isaiah 53. What an inspiring example you are for us. May we raise our children up as “tender plants.” Austin, Texas could be described as “dry ground,” and spiritually dry; however, through Christ and the power that comes from You, our Almighty God, we may thrive and raise our children as spiritually mature Believers in a spiritually dry environment. You have already provided a fertile field for us to raise our children at Veritas Academy, and we are so grateful.

We pray for one another, Lord. We pray that we will not be conformed any longer to the patterns of this world. (Romans 12:2). When the enemy lies, we will recognize his schemes and turn from it. As parents and spiritual leaders of this school we will nurture one another and build one another up in this Truth. We will pray for one another, encourage one another, and have compassion for one another, trusting You, Lord, to be our Judge. You tell us that you will know us by our fruit. Conversely, we will warn one another and exhort one another as well. Jesus warns us in Matthew 7:15-20 to be very careful of anyone who comes in His Name who is actively seeking to lead us astray from Truth. We will be on guard for one another as “watchmen on a tower.” (Ezekiel 33) We pray that we will all be spiritually vigilant against the subtle and hostile threat to us as brothers and sisters in Christ. Jesus, you warned us that we will “know them by their fruits.” Guard and protect our body, Lord, against this spiritual threat in Austin. For the tree is known by its fruit. We

declare Truth at Veritas Academy. Our very name means Truth, so we proclaim it! And we will live fruitful lives!