

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

## ***Fruit Vendors***

*It's been said, you are what you eat*

- *Most of us enjoy eating*
- *Most prefer to eat food we enjoy*

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*Many people enjoy a salad prior to the main course*

*My great-grandfather ate his dessert first*

*It's not uncommon to serve appetizers before a meal*

*We'd like to offer you some tasty appetizers first today*

*Not dessert, but delicious and quite healthy*

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***Was that good? We hoped it would be***

*We'd also like to offer some to take with you for later*

***Please accept them freely, without cost or condition***

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*Was anyone offended that we offered the fruit?*

*I hope not*

*Did anyone feel any sense of obligation if you accepted it?*

*Once again, I hope not*

***It was provided purely to bless you***

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*Those of you who offered the fruit...*

***Did you feel like you were intruding to offer the fruit?***

*I trust you offered it knowing that **anyone is free to decline***

*I trust you were not offended by any who did decline*

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***The fruit you offered freely, did it cost you anything?***

*Did you have to pay for it?*

***Did you enjoy giving it away?***

*If some fruit remained, not accepted by anyone...*

*Would you like to keep it still available?*

***Or do you think it should be thrown out?***

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***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"***

***Matthew 10:8***

*"You have received free of charge; **give free of charge.**"*

*Go and freely be yourself **IN Christ Jesus.***

**Matthew 12:33**

**Mix yourself into the people around you...**

*"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for **a tree is known by its fruit.**"*

*And **enjoy yourself** as you do.*

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**What fruit** has He chosen us to grow and give away?

**Galatians 5:22-23**

*But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.** Against such things there is no law.*

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**How** shall we go about this?

**Matthew 13:33**

*He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like **yeast that a woman mixed into 50 pounds of flour until it spread** through all of it."*

**We ARE that yeast**

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**Where** shall we go about it?

**Acts 1:8**

*"But you will receive power **when the Holy Spirit has come on you,** and you will be **My witnesses** in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

**Wherever we are and wherever we go.**

*This is not our task. **It's our identity.***

*It's not about what we do. **It's about who we are.***