CHURCH GARDENING TOOLS

John 14 and 15 LYRICS

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JESUS: "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit shall remain...." --John 15: 6a NKJV (all)

"...that whatever you ask the Father in My name, he may give you...." --John 15: 16b "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. AND WHATEVER you ask in My name, that I will do THAT THE FATHER may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it, IF you keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever." -- 14: 12-16

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"Go and plant a garden," I told my little weak child. "Next summer I want lots of tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, lettuce, bright green peppers, and you KNOW how much I love chives! It's warm now, so go plant my garden."

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I gave my child NO garden tools, I gave my child No seeds. She tried real hard to please me, but all she grew was weeds. Then I yelled real loud, "You STUPID Child, you did NOT obey me, so now you're not allowed in my house."

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I PRAY you know this is a parable song. <u>But isn't this just like we act</u>? We know Jesus said in John 14 and 15 to go and bear much fruit to show we're His disciples, but we make excuse we're too weak for Him to use, though He promised help.

CHORUS

God of Grace, and God of Glory, on Thy people, pour Thy power. We, Your people need Your Spirit! On Your Church, Lord, pour Your Power

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Even in churches, how much do we pray to ask Holy Spirit to help? We do NOT respect God when we don't pray to ask Master Gardener for tools to serve Him. How can we grow great fruit without Him? John Chapter 14 says

churches that want fruit must ask God's help! CHORUS 5

If you pray, if you ask anything, Jesus said He SHALL send you tools. His Holy Spirit gives the resources you need so you can obey Him and bear fruit, John 15: 6. Don't be too PROUD to pray to God. Ask the Master Gardener for tools to grow fruit for Him. **CHORUS**

Song Story: A simple inspiration: Wondering why we church people think Jesus would tell us to bear lots of fruit without giving us the tools and power He as God KNOWS we need?