

“Fruitful”

John 15:1-9 NKJV

“I am the true vine, *and My Father is the vinedresser*. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit *He* takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit *He* prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. 9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

John 14:8 NLT

8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

Starts with the Father

John 15:1 NKJV “I am the true vine, *and My Father is the vinedresser*.

Matthew 6:6 NLT

6 But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to *your* Father in private. Then *your* Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

1 John 3:1a NLT

3 See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!

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He loves you

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John 15:1-2 NKJV

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. **2** Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit *He takes away*; and every *branch* that bears fruit *He prunes*, that it may bear more fruit.

He loves you when He prunes you

Matthew 13:22 NLT **22** The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is *crowded out* by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced.

John 15:3 NKJV

3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

Colossians 1:22 NLT Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

He loves you because He died for you

John 15:6 NKJV 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and *they* gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

He loves you when He let's you go

John 15:6 KJV 6 If a man abide not in me, he is *cast forth* as a branch, and is withered; and *men* gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

Luke 15:14-16 NLT

14 About the time his money *ran out*, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to *starve*. 15 He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. 16 The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

Luke 15:17-24 NLT

17 “When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will go home to *my* father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, 19 and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.”’”

20 “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. 21 His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’ 22 “But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. 23 And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a

feast, 24 for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.