

Abide in Me

John 15

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you.** No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 **“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;** apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 **If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.** 8 This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last

Vs. 1 “I am the true vine...”

- The fact that he is the true vine indicates that not everything is...
- There are many other things that pretend to be what he is and pretend to do what he can do...

True Vine: meaning Real and Genuine. The opposite of fictitious, counterfeit, imaginary or pretend.

- He is the Real one.
- You can trust Him, you can trust the Spirit of God

Psalm 39

1

I said, “I will watch my ways

and keep my tongue from sin;
I will put a muzzle on my mouth
while in the presence of the wicked.”

2

So I remained utterly silent,
not even saying anything good.

- In keeping with our series on prayer, He is the one to confide in...
- David says, “I will put a muzzle on my mouth in the presence of the wicked.”
- In other words, I don’t trust the wicked with anything not even anything good...
- You can’t trust the wicked but you can trust the one who is the true vine...

1. I am called to Abide in Him

This is the privilege of ever believer, that we can be in Christ...

This can be looked at as a duty but it is a privilege...

There is life, joy, strength, inspiration that comes from being close to Jesus...

Psalm 39

4

“Show me, Lord, my life’s end
and the number of my days;
let me know how fleeting my life is.

5

You have made my days a mere handbreadth;
the span of my years is as nothing before you.
Everyone is but a breath,
even those who seem secure.

- Life is short, I want to make a lasting difference

I read something the other day:

“Don’t sweat the small stuff,
It’s all small stuff”

SIMPLE FORMULA FOR LIVING

Live beneath your means.
Return everything you borrow.
Stop blaming other people.
Admit it when you make a mistake.
Give clothes not worn to charity.
Do something nice and try not to get caught.
Listen more; talk less.
Every day take a 30 min. walk.
Strive for excellence, not perfection.
Be on time. Don't make excuses.
Don't argue. Get organized.
Be kind to unkind people.
Let someone cut ahead of you in line.
Take time to be alone.
Cultivate good manners.
Be humble.
Realize and accept that life isn't fair.
Know when to keep your mouth shut.
Go an entire day without criticizing anyone.
Learn from the past. Plan for the future.
Live in the present.
Don't sweat the small stuff.
It's all small stuff.

Vs. 5

“I am the vine; you are the branches. **If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit**; apart from me you can do nothing.

- For the Christian there is a calling and duty to abide in Christ.
- If we will do that, there is the joy and promise of fruitfulness.

2. He is the Anchor that holds

Jesus makes a emphasis

4 **Remain in me, as I also remain in you.** No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.

5 If you **remain in me and I in you**, you will bear much fruit;

7 If you **remain in me and my words remain in you**, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers;

The branches that are taken away were never properly abiding in the vine, demonstrated by the fact that they did **not bear fruit**.

When Jesus says: *Abide in me* he is talking about the will, about the choices, the decisions we make.

In the phrase **Abide in Me, and I in You**: Jesus emphasized a relationship. It isn't only that the disciple abides in the Master; the Master also abides in the disciple. Something of this close relationship is described in [Song of Solomon 6:3](#): *I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine.*

This is His Presence in your life

This is His Love in your life

There is no greater Anchor than the Presence and Love of God.

When the winds blow

When the waters rise

Those who abide in Jesus remain...

They bare fruit...

They see God do miracles through prayer...

They see lasting & eternal impact...

He is the True Vine

He is the Anchor that Holds