

Sermon Notes**Key words:****Remain (12 times)**

re: *again and again, go back*

main: What's most important to your life?

Remain: Do whatever it takes to stay connected to Jesus (and keep doing it!)

Fruit (9 times)

Fruit is anything in your life - that ultimately moves
through your life - and glorifies God!

Love (9 times)

The ultimate fruit of a life with Jesus = Love.

John 15:1-16 I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off (takes away/lifts up) 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.

God most concerned with WHO you're becoming!

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.

It's not about your Performance for Jesus, it's about your Position with Jesus.

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. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because servants do not know their master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 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 (remain)—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

"Arrange your day so that you experience total contentment, joy, and confidence in your everyday life with God" – Dallas Willard