



Sermon Notes

May 2nd, 2021

- "Never trust a dog to watch your food."
- "When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?" don't answer him."
- "Never tell your mom her diet's not working."
- "Never hold a dust buster and a cat at the same time."
- "If you want a kitten, start out by asking for a horse."
- "Felt tip markers are not good to use as lipstick."
- "Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball bat."
- "Never try to baptize a cat."

- John 15
 - 1. Jesus Christ is the true vine, and His Father is the gardener.
 - Jesus is the ideal realization of all that God intended for His people.
 - 2. Christ's purpose for all branches in Him is that we bear much fruit.
 - We need to know what Jesus means by fruit.
 - A. To bear fruit is to see God produce Christlikeness in you.
 - Fruit is Christlike character, Christlike conduct, and Christlike converts.
 - B. The branches that do not bear fruit are cut off and thrown into the fire.
 - Some do not bear fruit and some bear fruit. Those that do not bear fruit are not fulfilling their purpose.
 - Jesus tells them (Matt. 3:10b), "Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."
 - C. The branches that bear fruit are pruned so that they will bear more fruit and much fruit.



- ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.)
- ⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.)
- (John 15:3), “You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you”
- 3. As branches in the true vine, we must remain in Christ.
 - Live in such a manner that you are at home in Me and that I am at home in you
 - In this idea is that we are in a long-term, close, growing relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - The New Schofield Reference Bible :To abide in Christ is, on the one hand, to have no known sin unjudged and unconfessed, no interest into which He is not brought, no life which He cannot share. On the other hand, the abiding one takes all burdens to Him, and draws all wisdom, life, and strength from Him. It is not unceasing consciousness of these things, and of Him, but that nothing is allowed in the life which separates from Him.

Am I bearing fruit for His kingdom?

Am I joyfully submitting to His loving pruning in my life?

Am I daily abiding in Christ, making Him at home in my heart?