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John 15

Abiding and Bearing Much Fruit

THE 7 I AM STATEMENTS OF JESUS:

1. I am the **BREAD** of Life. (6:35)
2. I am the **LIGHT** of the world. (8:12)
3. I am the **GATE**. (10:9)
4. I am the Good **SHEPHERD**. (10:11)
5. I am the **RESURRECTION** and the Life. (11:25)
6. I am the **WAY**, the Truth and the Life. (14:6)
7. I am the True **VINE**. (15:1)

*[Jesus]' "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.
John 15:1-8 (NKJV)*

Defining the Roles:

- ❖ **GOD** is the Gardener.
- ❖ **JESUS** is the Vine.
- ❖ **BELIEVERS** are the Branches.

Life as a Branch:

- ❖ You will be **PRUNED** – so that you can bear more fruit.
- ❖ You must **ABIDE** in Christ – 100% of the time.
- ❖ You will produce **FRUIT** – which is Christ's likeness.

*[Jesus] "My command is this:
Love each other as I have loved you.
Greater love has no one than this:
to lay down one's life for one's friends.
You are My friends if you do what I command.
I no longer call you servants,
because a servant does not know his master's business.
Instead, I have called you friends,
for everything that I learned from My Father
I have made known to you.
You did not choose Me,
but I chose you and appointed you
so that you might go and bear fruit
—fruit that will last—
and so that whatever you ask in My name
the Father will give you.
This is My command:
Love each other."
John 15: 12-17 (NIV)*

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