



SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE



I AM the Vine

John 15:1-16



“The fruit of the Spirit is fundamentally relational. Rather than originating with us, it flows to us from our union with Christ” Jerry Bridges



1 “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 it so that it may bear more fruit.



11 These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.



12 “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.



13,14 Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you.



Bearing Fruit 1,2

- Purpose of a vineyard – fruit
- Vines extend branches to carry fruit
- Fruit of the Spirit – Gal 5
- Fruit of the Light – Eph 5:9
- Fruit reflects the Vine – Luke 6:43
- Fruits of Faith – joy (11), love (12), obey (13,14)



*“Fruit bearers –
NOT fruit collectors or inspectors.”*



2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.



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



Bearing More Fruit 2, 11-14

- Some is not enough - 'more'
- What is in the way?
- 'prune' - ἀίρω - takes away or lifts up
- Self-discipline - 1 Cor 9:16
- Divine discipline - Heb 12



Heb 12:5,6 and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, “MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.”



*Fruits not of our making
but by our growing!*



4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so 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, he
bears much fruit, for apart from Me
you can do nothing.



6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned.



7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

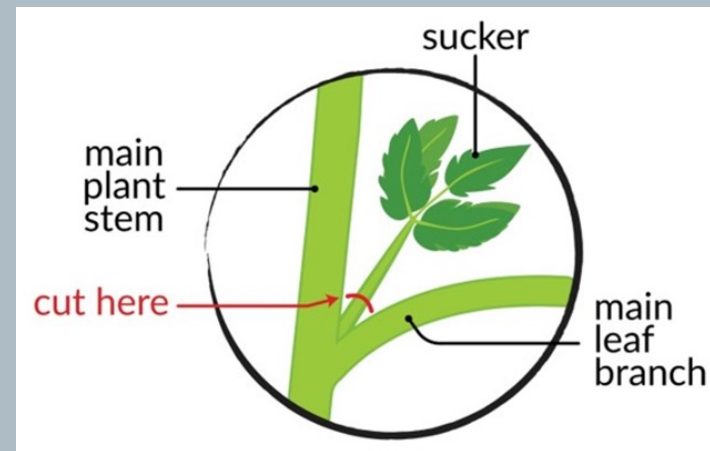


8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.



Bearing Much Fruit 5-8

- Key is 'abiding' -
- With Him - much is possible!
- Without Him - nothing is possible!
- What is unneeded?
- What is essential?



*Fruit of the Spirit –
Growing by the Water of the Word
and lots of Sonlight!*



15 No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.



16 You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.



Bearing Fruit That Remains 15,16

- Biblical Fruit should be perennial!
- Fruit is to be reproducing
- 2 Timothy 2:2 – teach those who will teach others
- Make disciples? Make disciple-makers!
- ‘remain’ is same word ‘abide’
 - CONNECTED – CONTINUE



*Fruit of the Spirit –
not a bowl of religious nuts!*



Colossians 1:10 – “so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God”



ABIDING

Live Worthy

Please Him

Bear Fruit

Grow in Knowledge





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