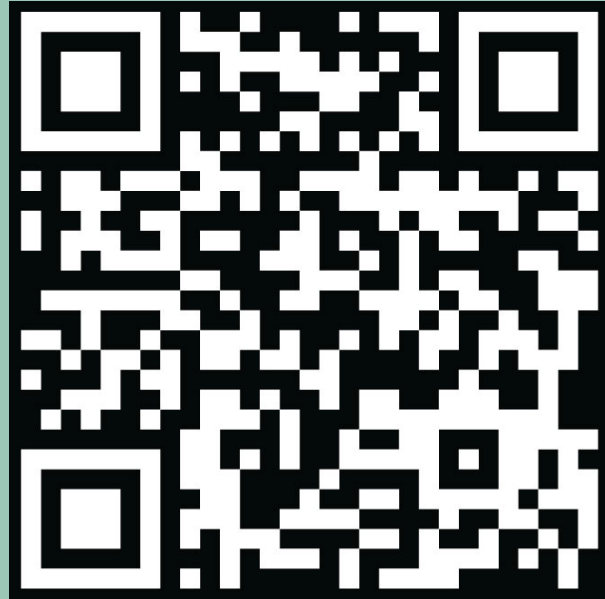




# Fruitful

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**A study from John 15**



## Worship Guide

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**Fruitful**

**A loving father prunes  
us to make us  
more fruitful.**

**Fruittful**

**Fruit**

**More  
Fruit**

**Much  
Fruit**



“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.”

**John 15:1-2**

## **Pruning defined:**

***The process of God  
bringing us into greater  
love, dependence, and  
obedience to him***











## Who prunes:

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**John 15:1-2**

**Who prunes:**  
**“My Father is the  
vinedresser...”**



**How we respond to  
the Father's pruning  
activity is dependent  
on how we view  
the Father.**

# Who gets pruned:

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.  
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**John 15:1-2**



“This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

**John 6:39-40**

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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.”

**John 15:1-2**

**Who gets pruned:  
The *fruitless* are  
cut away**



“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ <sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’”

**Matthew 7:21-23**

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**John 15:1-2**

**Who gets pruned:**  
**The *fruitful* are pruned**  
**to *bear more fruit***



**Fruittful**

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**F r u i t f u l**

**How God prunes:**

**How God prunes:**  
**His Word**

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.  
<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> You are already **clean** because of the word which I have spoken to you.”

**John 15:1-3**

καθαίρω  
(*kathairó*)

“prunes”



καθαίρω  
(*kathairó*)

“prunes”

καθαρός  
(*katharos*)

“clean”

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**Hebrews 4:12**

**How God prunes:**  
**Discipline**

You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; <sup>5</sup> 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;

<sup>6</sup> For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines,  
And He scourges every son whom He receives.”

**Hebrews 12:4-11**

<sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup> But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

<sup>9</sup> Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

**Hebrews 12:4-11**

<sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. <sup>11</sup> All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

**Hebrews 12:4-11**

**How God prunes:**  
**Silence**



“... God left him alone, in order to test him, that he might know all that was in his heart.”

**2 Chronicles 32:31**

How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? <sup>2</sup> How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart all the day? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? <sup>3</sup> Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; Enlighten my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, <sup>4</sup> And my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," And my adversaries will rejoice when I am shaken.

**Psalm 13:1-4**

But I have trusted in Your lovingkindness; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. <sup>6</sup> I will sing to the Lord, Because He has dealt bountifully with me.

**Psalm 13:5-6**

**How God prunes:  
Suffering**

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. <sup>4</sup> And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

**James 1:2-4**

**F r u i t f u l**

**What God prunes:**

**What God prunes:**  
**Dead branches of sin**



**What God prunes:  
Dissipating branches  
of life**



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.**

**John 15:16**