

Who are the branches in John 15: 1-8?

- I. Read John 15:1-8
- II. What are the possible interpretations of this parable and how would each view support their interpretation?
 - A. Arminian-
 - B. Lordship-
 - C. Free Grace-
- III. To whom is Jesus speaking?
 - A. John 13:21-30 _____ has left the group
 - B. He is speaking to _____
 1. (John 13:2-11)
 - C. The context contains statements concerning their possession of eternal life
 1. (14:9)
 2. (14:26)
 3. (14:27)
 4. (15:16, 19)
 5. (16:13-15)
 6. (16:27, 30)
 7. (17:6, 9-10)

8. (17:11-12)

9. (17:16)

10. (17:20-21)

IV. What is the overall thrust of the surrounding context of John 15: 1-8

- A. _____ (14:10-14)
- B. _____ (14:15)
- C. _____ (15:1-8; 16)

V. Interpreting this parable according to its context

- A. The branches are –
- B. The Father desires that each believer –
- C. This admonition of Jesus proves that it is possible for a believer not to –
- D. The warning is that if believers do not depend upon God's power in order to be fruitful –

1. In the illustration the vinedresser:

- a) _____ *the fruitful vines*
- b) *and uses the unfruitful vines* _____ *(firewood)*

VI. How do we practically apply this truth to our lives?

- A.
- B.
- C.