

It's *all* about  
Jesus.

*All things were created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16*

# The Seven "I Am's"

Part Seven  
I Am the True Vine  
John 15:1-5



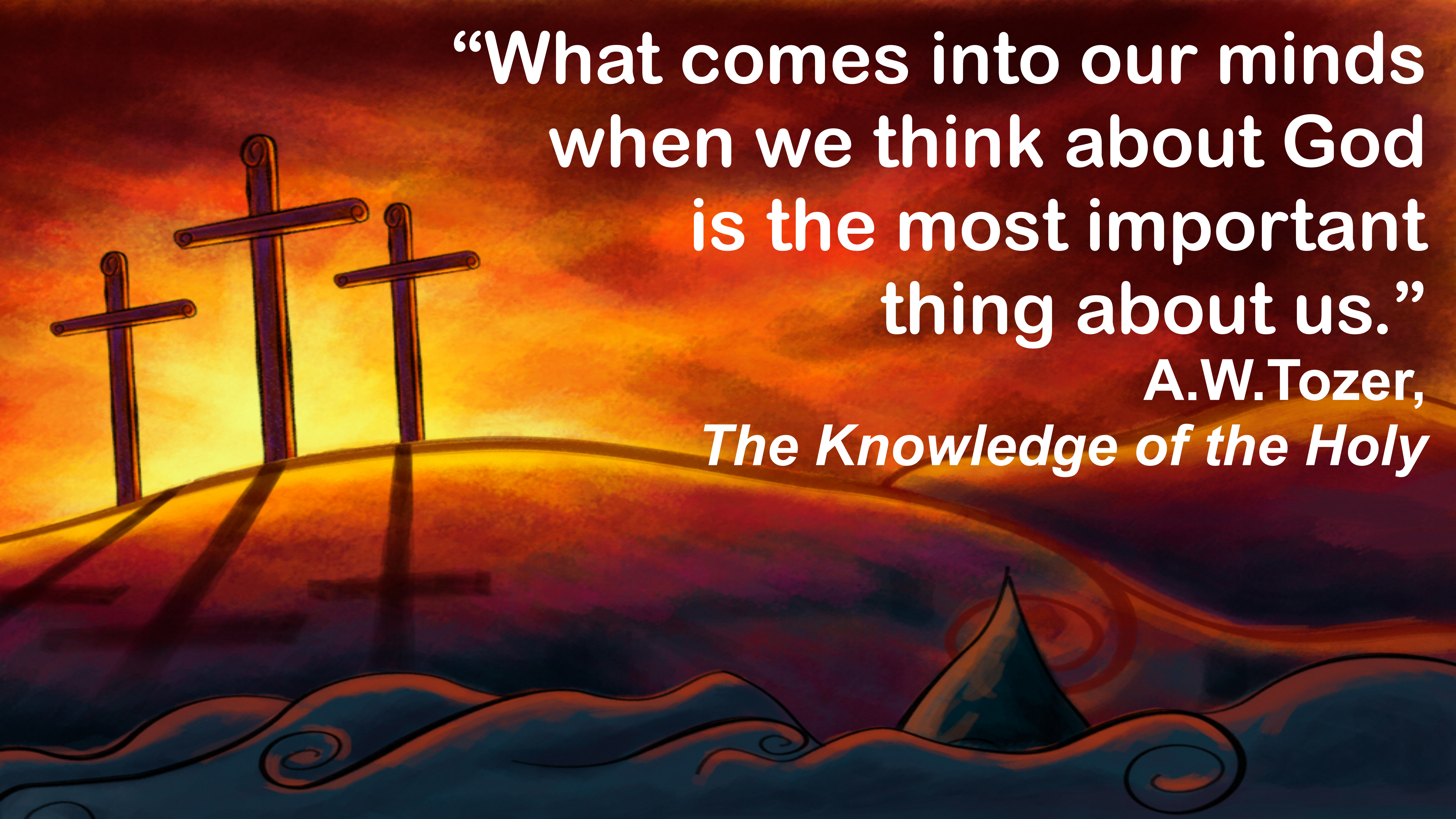
**I am the true vine, and my Father** is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may **bear more fruit**. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

**Abide = meno: To stay, dwell, be present.  
All we gotta' do is hang on tight!**



**Shepherd, sheep -  
just follow and I'll  
lead you, feed you,  
protect you. No need  
to stress, just follow.**

**Vine, branch - a branch  
doesn't determine to  
work harder and make  
fruit, but just stays  
connected and the  
Spirit makes it happen!**

An illustration of three crosses on a hill at sunset, with a large water droplet in the foreground. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light from the setting sun, creating long shadows and a vibrant orange and yellow sky. The water in the foreground is dark blue with white highlights, and a single, large, clear water droplet is shown falling into it, creating ripples.

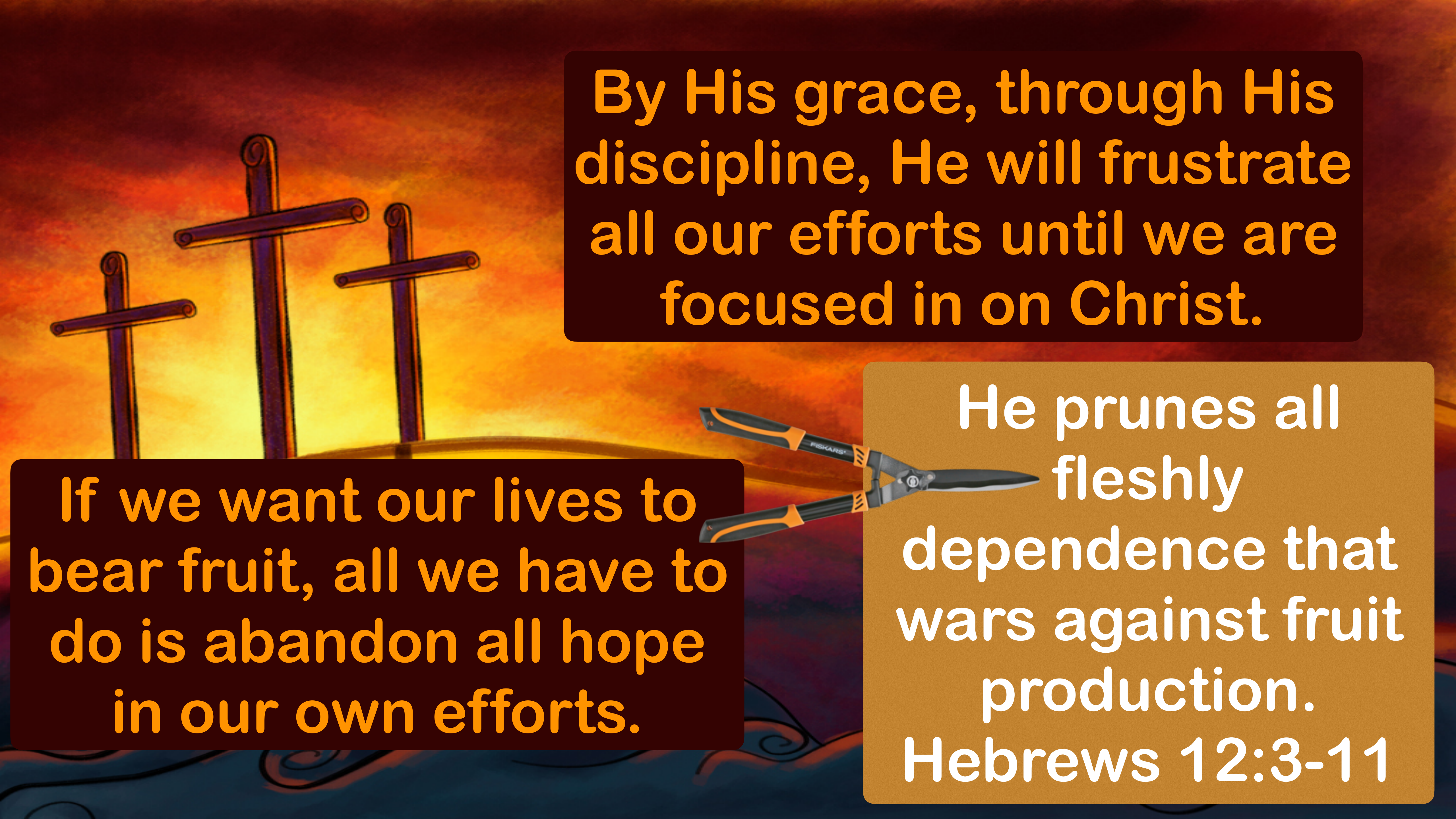
“What comes into our minds  
when we think about God  
is the most important  
thing about us.”

A.W.Tozer,  
*The Knowledge of the Holy*

**Get this: We're not responsible for bearing fruit, but for abiding in Christ!**


**The fruit the Father most desires?  
Christlikeness**

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Galatians 5:22, 23**



By His grace, through His discipline, He will frustrate all our efforts until we are focused in on Christ.

If we want our lives to bear fruit, all we have to do is abandon all hope in our own efforts.




He prunes all fleshly dependence that wars against fruit production.  
Hebrews 12:3-11

Unwillingness, through a proud sense of self-sufficiency, to draw spiritual strength from Jesus, or to submit to the discipline which alone makes possible the flow of this vitalizing power, renders the so-called believer a dead branch unable to bear fruit.

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The fruit of Christ-  
like character  
Romans 8:29



The fruit of  
right conduct  
Colossians 1:10



The fruit of those who  
come to faith in Christ  
Romans 1:13

## Called to Cooperate

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Phil. 4:8