

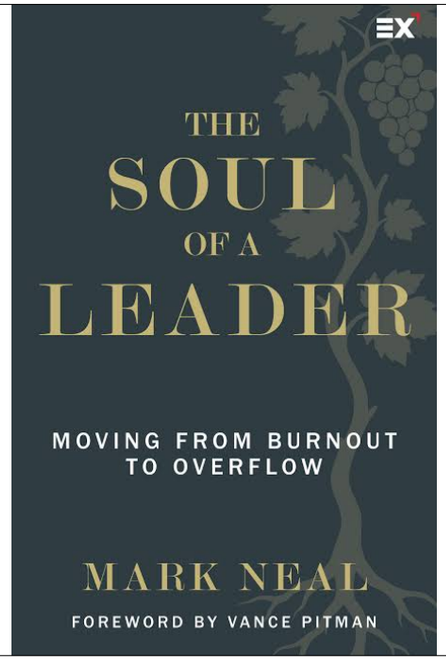
The Bread of Life
The Light of the World
The Door
The Good Shepherd
The Resurrection and the Life
The Way, the Truth, and the Life
The Vine

BIG IDEA: Pruning and abiding are required for fruitfulness.

[2]Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he **prunes**…

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1. Pruning



Pruning can be painful.

"There is something about pruning that feels like loss when you are living through it."

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"The hardest part about pruning is that you rarely understand it as it is happening. You see what is being taken. God sees what is being prepared."

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Pruning reveals favor.

"The branches that get cut are not the dying ones. They are not the weak ones. They are not the ones that appear to be failing. The vinedresser cuts the healthy branches."

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"The branch He is cutting is one He believes in. And what He is preparing you for is larger than anything He has removed."

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Pruning clarifies perspective.

“The vinedresser understands what the branch cannot see from its own perspective: concentrated growth requires the removal of what is not essential.”

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“One of the gifts of pruning is that it reveals motivations that success often hides.”

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4 **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.

2. Abiding

“Branches do not produce fruit through effort. They produce fruit through connection.”

2. Abiding



[2]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**.

3. Fruit

[5]I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that **bears much fruit**…

3. Fruit

[8]By this my Father is glorified, that you **bear much fruit** and so prove to be my disciples.

3. Fruit

Fruit is the visible display of the **character** of Christ through an **abiding** relationship with Him, for the **benefit** of others and the glory of God.

– Bryan Loritts–

10 If you **keep my commandments**, you
will **abide** in my love, just as I have kept
my Father's commandments and **abide**
in his love.

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12 "This is my commandment, that you
love one another as I have **loved** you.
13 Greater **love** has no one than this, that
someone lay down his life for his
friends.
