

Follow Me Follow by Abiding

John 15: 1-8 NIV "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Basket One : If I am bearing no fruit, then God will discipline me.

Hebrews 12:5-6 NKJV "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives. "

Three degrees of discipline:

- Rebuking
- Chastening
- Scourging

Hebrews 12:10-11 NIV They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Basket Two : If I am bearing some fruit, then God will prune me.

What's the difference between disciplining and developing ?

- No fruit vs. Some fruit
- Doing something wrong vs. doing something right

- Dealing with sin vs. Dealing with self
- Repentance needed vs. Releasing needed
- Turning vs. Testing

Psalm 66:10-12 For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver. You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

Prime Pruning Places

- My Relationships
- My Control
- My Money
- My Identity

Basket Three : If I am bearing much fruit, then God will maximize moments with me.

How Does Abiding with God Produce More Fruit ?

- Abiding allows God to supernaturally multiply my efforts.
- Abiding helps me to sense the Lord's leadings.
- Abiding restores me so that I can bear a greater yield.
- Abiding carries with it a promise of answered prayer.

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Additional Study on Abiding and Bearing Fruit

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| Monday | John 15 and John 16 |
| Tuesday | Psalm 1 and John 14:17 |
| Wednesday | Psalm 42:1 and Ephesians 3:17-19 |
| Thursday | Colossians 1:9-14 and Galatians 2:20 |
| Friday | I John 2:1-6 and I John 2:24-28 |