

**Christian-ish—  
Where Christians Get It Wrong**

*“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. ... <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” John 15:5, 8 NIV*

*“You will know them by their fruits. ... <sup>17</sup>Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.”*

Matthew 7:16-17 NKJV

**They won’t just know you by what you say, but by how you live.**

**Fruit of the Spirit**

**Fruit of the Flesh**

**Loving**

**Selfish**

**Joyful**

**Frustrated**

**Peaceful**

**Anxious**

**Patient**

**Impatient**

**Kind**

**Uncaring**

**Good**

**Bad**

**Faithful**

**Disloyal**

**Gentle**

**Harsh**

**Self-Controlled**

**Indulgent**

**Jesus didn’t call us to dress up the flesh, but to crucify it.**

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John 15:5 NIV

## **Jesus is the Vine. You are the branch.**

**μένω**

***meno: remain, abide, dwell, live in***

*“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.” John 15:4 NIV*

**Don't focus on production; focus on connection.**

**Be the branch!**

- **Pray**
- **Worship**
- **Read God's Word**
- **Obey God**
- **Engage in Christ-Centered Community**

*Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

Galatians 5:25 NIV

### **TALK IT OVER**

Read **John 15:4-5, 8**. What are some of the fruits of the Spirit you see in the lives of those around you? What about in your own life?

How pleased do you think God is with the quality and quantity of your fruit?

How could you focus on your connection with God this year and grow more fruit of the Spirit in the process?