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Refiner's Gold



It is very important for every believer to internalize God's Word so that they possess not just head knowledge of their faith but faith that lives, breathes, moves - a practical faith for our times. For the times we live in are times of great testing and temptations and the pressure will surely overwhelm us, unless we draw strength from His Word, apply it very intentionally into our lives and live it daily on a consistent basis. There will be times when we'll fall but we must stand up again and press forward because at the end, the one who remains fallen is vanquished. The one who remains standing has conquered.

So how do you internalize scripture? You read the verse, understand its meaning completely, then 'chew' on it for days, weeks, months... till it becomes a part of who you are and how you live, knit into the very fabric of your being. Build up your life on the Word, one verse at a time.

Often the verses in the original biblical languages, provide the answer and the way to live them out in the very exhortation they challenge you unto.

So come on this journey of discipleship and let's walk it together, building our life precept upon precept. May the Holy Spirit guide us into truth and empower us to become like Jesus in all we do and say.





WORD STUDY OF JOHN 15:5

“I AM the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

- ♥ Are the branches = klemma = tender, flexible branch, vine shoot or sprout
- ♥ He who abides = meno = remains, with reference to place: sojourn, tarry, not to depart, continue to be present, be held, kept continually. With reference to time: continue to be, not to perish, to last, endure. To survive, live. With reference to condition: remain as one, not to become another or different. To wait for, await.
- ♥ Bears = phero = carry a burden, bear with one's self, move, be borne with force & speed by a gust of wind, to rush, prompted in mind, bear up, uphold, keep from falling, Of Christ - the Preserver of the universe, to endure the rigor, bear patiently, spare one from destruction,

bring forward to, move to, apply, announce, produce, lead, conduct.

- ♥ Much = polys = many, large
- ♥ Fruit = karpos = fruit of trees, progeny, that which originates from something, an effect/result, work, act, deed, advantage, profit, utility, praises presented to God in thanks, gathering eternal harvest.
- ♥ Apart = Choris = separate, without any, besides
- ♥ You can = dynamai = to be able, have power by your own virtue, ability, resources, mind, favourable circumstances, permission of law/custom, capable, strong, powerful.
- ♥ Do = poieo = to make, produce, construct, form, be author of, prepare, bear, acquire, provide for self, make something, to declare, ordain, lead, make one do something, to act rightly, do well, carry out, execute, with designation of time, to pass, spend, celebrate, make ready, keep, perform, institute.

NOTE: WORDS THAT DON'T IMPACT THE WHOLE MEANING ARE NOT EXPLAINED



John 15:5

Based on our word study of this one verse we learn to internalize these truths:

- ♥ Christ is the Vine and we are the growing, flexible branches that need to entwine ourselves/ our lives around Him in order to grow strong and sturdy.
- ♥ One who abides in Christ is one who travels/journeys, waits, continues to be present, endures, remains as one and lives in relationship with Christ.
- ♥ With such disciples, Christ promises to do likewise and be with them.
- ♥ To bear much means to be as one who carries a burden and moves forward and is pressed forward by use of speed and force much like a ship's sails catch the wind and move forward with all the burdens they carry. Similarly our minds will be moved inwardly and prompted by God's Spirit and we will be kept from falling and be upheld by Christ - the preserver of the universe. We will be able to endure patiently, be spared of destruction and brought forward in order to produce, lead and conduct our lives in a God-worthy manner. This is part of 'fruit-bearing'.
- ♥ Much means not just in quantity but quality and size of the fruit we will bear, in this case both quality and quantity being good and pleasing.
- ♥ The fruit itself originates from something, it is an effect of constant abiding in Christ and being carried forward by His Spirit into His likeness. The result profits and gives us advantage in life, it is an eternal harvest and cannot be destroyed and is like a harvest of praises from our life and works being presented to God as a thank offering.
- ♥ Apart from Me you can do nothing - by this Christ is saying that if we are separated from Him and try to work independently or live as such without Him, we are actually quite incapable of living God-pleasing lives. This is because we do not have the power to do so by our own abilities, resources, state of mind, arranging circumstances to our favor, to be strong or powerful in warfare, etc...
- ♥ So may we journey with Jesus, becoming like Him and our lives will bear fruits that will not perish - lives that will count and not be wasted.