



Living a Fruitful Christian Life

John 15: 1 - 8




John 15:1-4

“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.

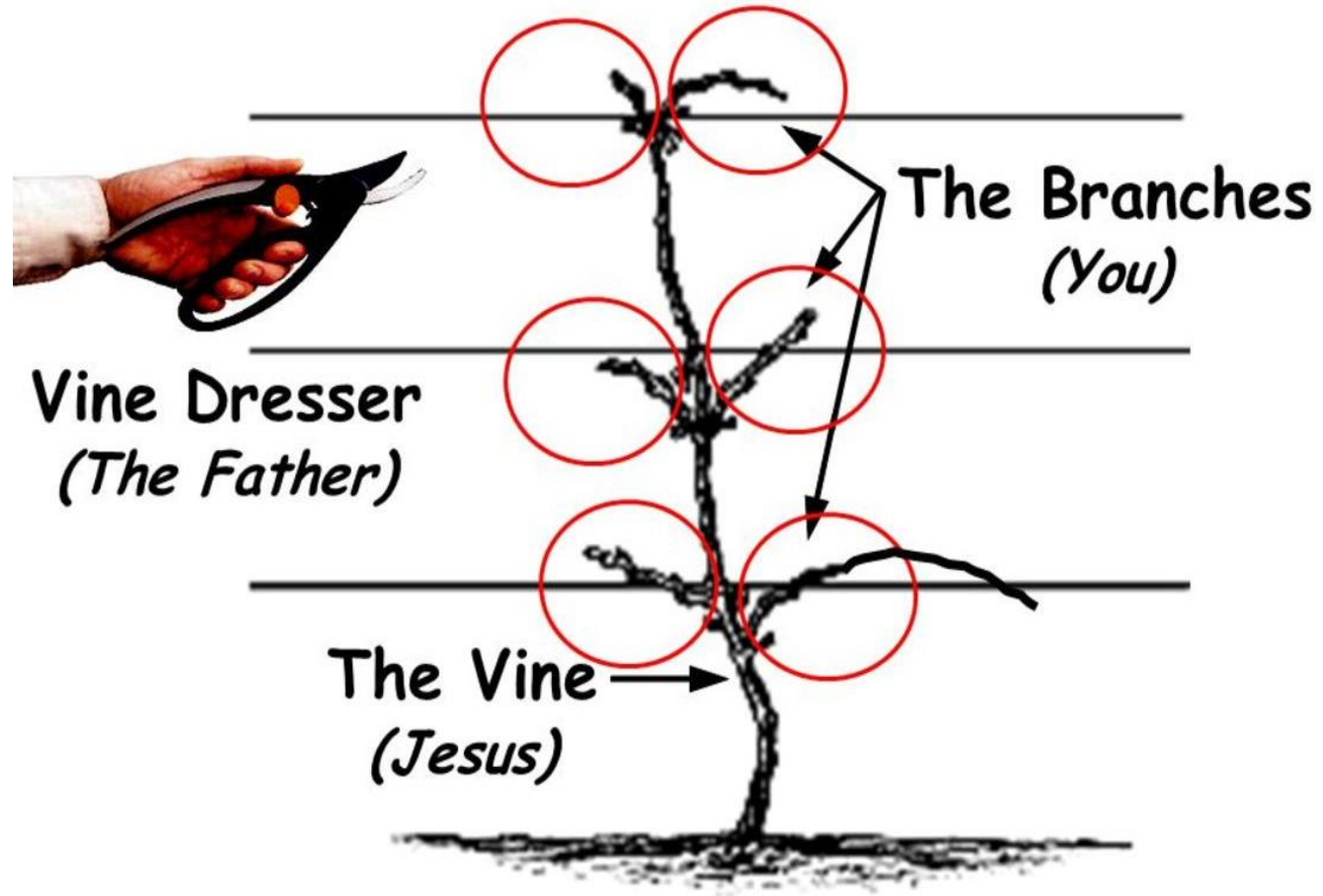
⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.



John 15:5-8

- 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.





I am the **true vine**, and my Father is the **Gardener** (John 15:1)

I am the vine, you are the **branches** (John 15:5)

Branch Number 1 – fruitless

He *cuts off* every branch *in* Me
that bears **no fruit**.

John 15:2



Branch Number 1

You are already clean because of the word
I have spoken to you
John 15:3



....because the Lord disciplines those he loves,
and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.

Heb 12:6



Discipline is painful

but it produces a harvest of fruit Heb 12:11

John Newton



Although my memory's fading, I
remember two things very
clearly: I am a great sinner and
Christ is a great Savior.

AZ QUOTES

Lesson 1 from the Vine : Positioned to Grow



Branch Number 2 – bearing fruit

Every branch that does bear fruit,
he *prunes* so that it will be even *more fruitful*.

John 15:2



Pruning 101

- The Dead, the Dying and the Diseased



Joseph



Pruning 101

- The Dead, the Dying and the Diseased
- Season of Pruning : WINTER



Lesson 2 from the Vine : Pruned to Bloom

Before



After




Branch Number 3 – bearing much fruit



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.

John 15:5



John 15:4-8

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1. Abiding is a COMMAND
2. Abiding is a RELATIONSHIP - COMMUNICATION



abide.

Mama Maggie Groban



***Silence your body to listen to your words.
Silence your tongue to listen to your thoughts.
Silence your thoughts to listen to your heart.
Silence your heart to listen to your spirit.
Silence your spirit to listen to His presence.”***



1. Abiding is a COMMAND
2. Abiding is a RELATIONSHIP - COMMUNICATION
3. Abiding is CONTINUING in His PRESENCE



abide.



"The time of business does not with me differ from the time of prayer; and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquillity as if I were upon my knees at the blessed sacrament.

Brother Lawrence

Lesson 3 from the Vine: Placed in His presence





Living a Fruitful Christian Life

We are Positioned to Grow

We are Pruned to Bloom

We are Placed in His Presence

*This is to my Father's glory,
that you bear much fruit, showing
yourselves to be my disciples.*

John 15:8