



The **VINE** and the **FRUIT**

# GALATIANS 5:22-23A NLT

<sup>22</sup>But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,



## JOHN 15:1-8 NIV

<sup>5</sup>"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>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

<sup>8</sup>This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."



## JOHN 15:1-8 NIV

<sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>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.





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The word Jesus uses here  
is the Greek word *meno*.  
Jesus uses it 10 times  
in the first 10 verses  
of John 15.

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The Greek word *meno*  
is a verb that means  
to abide, remain,  
stay or continue.



Remaining in the vine  
is required for  
reproducing fruit







Detachment from the vine  
always results in decay



## MATTHEW 7:21-23A NLT

<sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. <sup>22</sup>On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ <sup>23</sup>But I will reply, ‘I never knew you.’”





It is sobering to know that you can be in the vineyard and still not be connected to Jesus.





Three responsibilities  
that we have to assume  
to remain in Jesus:





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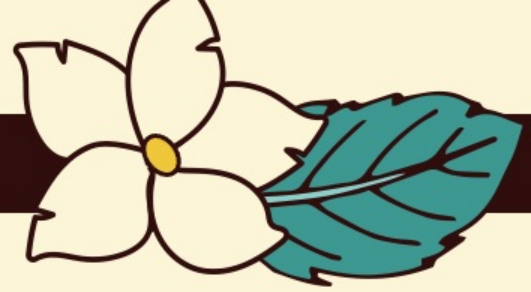
## PRESENCE

We have a responsibility  
to cultivate our hearts  
for His presence.

## JOHN 15:2B-3 NIV

while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.





You are where you are in your spiritual walk with God because you made the Word of God, prayer, and meditating on God a priority in your life.





An illustration featuring a red apple with a single green leaf, an orange with two green leaves, a sliced orange showing its segments, a white flower, and a blue flower. A branch with green leaves is visible on the left side of the page.

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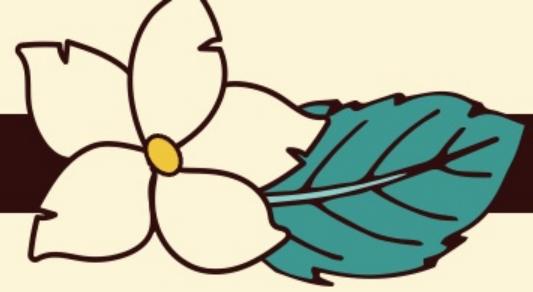


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**JOHN 15:2B-3 NIV**

...apart from me you can  
do nothing.



Our dependence on Him  
is vital for us to produce  
fruit that will point people  
back to Jesus.





Three responsibilities  
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to remain in Jesus:

## OBEDIENCE

### 1 John 2:3-6 NIV

<sup>3</sup>We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. <sup>4</sup>Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. <sup>5</sup>But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: <sup>6</sup>Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.



Truth discovered must  
be truth obeyed.



Will you commit  
to remain in His  
presence, to live  
in dependence,  
and to continue  
in obedience?

