



Message #7 "Because Of Who He Is, I Am Productive"
 John 15:1-11 Pastor David Redmond June 13, 2010

Why would Jesus give us a picture of a living thing whose life force—the sap—is mysteriously out of sight? One reason could be that in abiding, what happens on the surface doesn't count; what's happening inside does. Abiding begins with visible spiritual disciplines, such as Bible reading and prayer. Yet it may shock you to find out that we can do these things for years without abiding. After all, reading a book about a person isn't the same thing as knowing the person who wrote the book. The challenge in abiding is always to break through from dutiful activities to a living, flourishing relationship with God. (Bruce Wilkerson, *Secrets Of The Vine*)

I am productive, because in Christ I have...

1. The Blessing Of _____.

I am the true vine and My Father is the Vinedresser. John 15:1 (NAS)

_____ = that which has not only the name and resemblance, but the real nature corresponding to the name, in every respect corresponding to the idea signified by the name, real, true genuine, sincere.

**In The Old Testament The _____
 Symbolized God's' _____ Relationship
 With Israel.**

I had planted you like a choice vine of sound and reliable stock. How then did you turn against me into a corrupt, wild vine? Jeremiah 2:21 (NIV)

See also: Isaiah 5:1-5; Psalm 80:8-9, 12-14; Ezekiel 15:2-5, 6-7

Jesus Is The _____ Of _____.

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. John 15:4 (NAS)

"I am the bread of life" John 6:35, 48, 51

"I am the light of the world" John 8:12; 9:5

"I am the door" John 10:7, 9

"I am the good shepherd" John 10:11, 14

"I am the resurrection, and the life" John 11:25

"I am the way, the truth, and the life" John 14:6

"I am the true vine" John 15:1, 5

**2. The Blessing Of Christ's _____
 In _____.**

I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. ⁷If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

John 15:5-8 (NAS)

_____ = to continue to be present, to continue to be, to be held, kept continually, endure, remain as one.

For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Philippians 2:13 (NAS)

And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully.

Colossians 1:10,11 (NIV)

**2. The Blessing Of The _____
 Care.**

A. I Receive _____.

Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away...John 15:2a (NAS)

_____ Fruit

_____ = raise up, elevate, lift up, or to take off, remove, to carry off, to take from among the living.

B. I Submit To _____.

...and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it... John 15:2b (NAS)

C. I Experience _____.

...so that it may bear more fruit. John 15:2c (NAS)

_____ Fruit and _____ Fruit (vs. 5, 8)

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control...Galatians 5:22-23a (NLT)