



Life In The Vine

husbandman ~ God
branches ~ Christians

vine ~ Jesus
fruit ~ New Christians

John 15:1-11 **I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman gardener. Every branch *in me* that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth *prunes* it, that it may bring forth more fruit.** Now ye are clean *pruned* through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in remain attached to the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without apart from me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in remain attached to me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep *obey* my commandments, ye shall abide *live* in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide *remain* in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

If you're connected to the vine, expect to be pruned, so you can bear more fruit. **Vine branches have to be pruned.** Understand too much growth and you'll have too many leaves. Vine branches with too much growth (leaves) don't bear much fruit. Yes, they have too many leaves - which reduces or halts bearing fruit.

The battle belongs to the Lord. You don't have to be a PhD in Biblical Knowledge to hand out Bible Bookmarks. Yes, your efforts can bear much fruit. Print and hand out as many Evangelism Tools and/or Bible Bookmarks as you can. Thanks.

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