

**I Am the True Vine
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John 15:1, *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He 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... ⁴Remain 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.*

- **Jesus Explains What It Means to Have a RIGHT Relationship With God**

Isaiah 5:1, *I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.*

Isaiah 5:2, *...Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.*

Isaiah 5:4, *When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?*

- **Someone Who Has a Relationship With Jesus Is RIGHTLY Connected to God**

John 15:4, *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.*

- **If We Stay Connected to Jesus, His Qualities Will Be Seen in Us and We Will Be FRUITFUL**

Galatians 5:22, *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control.*

How Do We Become More Fruitful?

1. Allow God to PRUNE the Areas That Aren't Producing Fruit

John 15:2, *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.*

2. Allow God to LIFT US UP When We're Down

John 15:1, *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He 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. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.*

3. Allow the Word of God to CLEANSE Us

John 15:5, *If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If 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.*

John 15:9, *As the Father has loved me, I have also loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love... ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.*

4. As Followers of Jesus, We KEEP His Commands

John 15:11, *I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.*

Staying Connected to Jesus Leads to a Fruitful and JOYFUL Life.