



LIFE CHANGE

Life Change 1—Fruit that Remains

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[John 15:1]

*I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, **that it may bear more fruit.** 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, **will produce much fruit.** For apart from me you can do nothing. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that **you bear much fruit;** so you will be My disciples. 10 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. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and **that your fruit should remain...***

Lasting fruit will always cost something, but the cost will improve the quality. Some leave the abiding process before they get to the fruit.

[Psalm 92:12-15]

*But the godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon. 13 For they are transplanted to the Lord’s own house. They flourish in the courts of our God. 14 **Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green.***

[John 15:4]

***Abide in Me**, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.*

When you feel like you can't remain, run to His Word.

[John 15:2]

He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.

[John 15:7,10]

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. “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.

[Psalm 1:1-4]

*How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!
But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.*

*He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, **Which yields its fruit in every season**. And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.*

For Monday—

- 1. Ask yourself: *What do I need to prune?***
- 2. Abide in the Word.**
- 3. Recommit to the process.**

TALK IT THROUGH

- 1. When you are picking fruit, what qualities do you look for?**
- 2. Pastor Hilary preached about having fruit in our lives. What does fruit symbolize for our lifestyle?**
- 3. Read John 15:4-5. What does the passage reveal about the life God has for you, and how are you inspired to grow into your next level?**
- 4. What are some factors that can hinder our personal and spiritual growth?**
- 5. What has helped you remain in the house of God?**
- 6. What role has the Word of God played in your different seasons of life?**
- 7. How do you abide in God, what does that look like? How do you have fruit that remains? [Psalm 1:1-4, John 15:2]**