

**\*\*John 15:8** “This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

## **How can we apply this lesson to our life?**

### **A. Fellowship with Jesus requires obedience.**

**I John 1:7** “I we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.”

**John 8:12** “I am the light of the world.”

### **B. Fellowship with Jesus is broken by sin and rebellion.**

**I John 1:6** “If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.”

**Hebrews 12:10** “Our fathers disciplined us for a little while, as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in His holiness.”

**Hebrews 12:11** “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who are trained by it.”

### **C. Fellowship with Jesus is restored by genuine repentance.**

**2 Samuel 12:13** “I have sinned against the LORD.”

**I John 1:9** “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

### **D. Fellowship with Jesus does not start until you have a personal relationship with Jesus!**

**Romans 10:13** “For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**John 3:36** “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.”

## **“I AM the True Vine!”**

**John 15:1-8**

**Lesson #8**

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**Psalms 80:8** “You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.”

**Jeremiah 2:21** “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?”

## **I. Jesus delivered a vineyard metaphor.**

### **A. The vine represents Jesus.**

**\*\*John 15:1a** “I am the true vine, ....”

### **B. The gardener refers to the heavenly Father.**

**\*\*John 15:1b** “... and my Father is the gardener.”

### **C. The branches represent believers.**

**John 15:5a** “I am the vine; you are the branches. ....”

## **II. Jesus described the duties of the vineyard gardener.**

### **A. Some branches are cut off.**

**\*\*John 15:2a** “He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, ....”

### **B. Other branches are carefully pruned.**

**\*\*John 15:2b** “... while every branch that does bear fruit, He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.”

**Psalms 119:67** “Before I was afflicted, I went astray, but now, I obey your word.”

**Psalms 119:71** “It was good for me to be afflicted, so that I might learn your decrees.”

**John 15:3** “You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.”

**John 13:1** “... And you are clean, though not everyone of you.”

### III. Jesus defined the responsibilities of His disciples.

#### A. The disciples were to remain in Him.

**\*\*John 15:4a** “Remain in me, and I will remain in you.”

#### B. The disciples couldn’t produce fruit from their own resources.

**\*\*John 15:4b** “... No branch can bear fruit by itself; It must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”

### IV. Jesus detailed the benefits of remaining in Him.

#### A. The disciple who remains in Jesus will bear much fruit.

**\*\*John 15:5a** “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him he will bear much fruit; ....”

##### 1. Fruitfulness means we reveal the character of Christ.

**Galatians 5:22** “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>[23]</sup>gentleness and self-control.”

##### 2. Fruitfulness means we reflect the God-honoring conduct.

**I Peter 1:15** “But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do. <sup>[16]</sup>For it is written, “Be holy, because I am holy.”

##### 3. Fruitfulness means we will contribute to the needs of others.

**2 Corinthians 8:1** “And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. <sup>[2]</sup>Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.”

**2 Corinthians 8:4** “They urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.”

##### 4. Fruitfulness means we express Christlike communication.

**Hebrews 13:15** “Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess His name.”

### 5. Fruitfulness means we share Christ with non-believers.

**Mark 16:15** “And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”

#### B. The disciple who remains in Jesus will not be fruitless.

**\*\*John 15:5b** “... apart from me you can do nothing.”

**\*\*John 15:6** “If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.”

**John 10:27** “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.”

**Ephesians 1:13** “And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.”

**Ephesians 1:14** “Who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

**Romans 4:7** “Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. <sup>[8]</sup>Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him.”

**Romans 8:1** “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

#### C. The disciple who remains in Jesus will pray with force.

**\*\*John 15:7** “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.”

**I John 5:14** “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”

**James 5:16b** “... The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”

#### D. The disciple who remains in Jesus will glorify the Heavenly Father.