

## **John 15:1-3 (NLT)**

**[1] “I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. [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. [3] You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you.**

## **John 15:4-5 (NLT)**

**[4] Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. [5] “Yes, 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.**

## **John 15:6-8 (NLT)**

**[6] Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.**

**[7] But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! [8] When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.**

# Vine and Branches

**John 15:1-17**









## **To Remain in Christ...** (in the Vine)

- **ACCEPT** Jesus Christ as Savior
- **Stay CONNECTED and DEPENDENT**  
**on Him**

## **Jesus Said:**

- **I AM the VINE**
- **you are the BRANCHES**
- **remain in Me to bear much FRUIT**
- **apart from Me you can DO NOTHING**

# **Remaining in Vine Means to Stay...**

- **CONNECTED** to the Vine
- **DEPENDENT** on the Vine

**The Essential Idea of FRUIT is  
that it is the...**

**SILENT**

**NATURAL**

**RESTFUL**

**...RESULT of our Spiritual Life**

(our daily walk with Jesus Christ)

**→ PRUNING** is trimming  
back **ALL** parts of the branch  
that are not **Essential** to  
Growing **FRUIT**



Pruning the Vines



→ **Discipline** is to Train,  
Educate, and Correct  
in order to cause **GROWTH**  
(Fruitfulness)

## Hebrews 12:7-9 (NIV)

**Endure hardship AS discipline**; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? [8] If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. [9] Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we **SUBMIT to the Father** of our spirits and live!

Hebrews 12:10 (NIV)

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 (NIV)

**No discipline seems pleasant**

at the time, but painful. Later on, however,  
it produces a **HARVEST**

**of righteousness and peace** for those who  
have been *trained by it*.

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and grief's to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to  
God in prayer!  
Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged.  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

# Are we Stumbling Blocks or Stepping Stones?

- **Stumbling Block** - causes others to trip and fall
- **Stepping Stone** - helps others get where they're going

## **The Question is are we...**

- **Connected** - hanging around Jesus?
- **Dependent** - seeking His Help and Strength at all times?





