

***People need to be reminded more often than they need to be instructed.***

Samuel Johnson

## THE TRUE VINE

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 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*. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 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.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will *bear much fruit*; apart from me you can do nothing. If 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. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you *bear much fruit*, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:1-8

**1. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“I am the true vine...”*

You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.  
You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land.

Psalm 80:8-9

The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel,  
and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in.

Isaiah 5:7

2. God is the \_\_\_\_\_.

*“...and my Father is the gardener.”*

He \_\_\_\_\_ us.

*“He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit...”*

**Airo** – to raise to a higher place or position, *lift up, take up, pick up*

He PRUNES us.

*“...while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.”*

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3. Your part is to \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself;  
it must remain in the vine.”*

**Meno** [present active verb] – to continue a certain state, condition, activity,  
*to remain, abide, stay*

**Spiritual Axiom:** \_\_\_\_\_ determines fruitfulness.