

I AM: The Vine

The Power of a Life Rooted in Christ

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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.

As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. If you keep My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are My friends if you do what I command.

John 15:1-14 NIV

Planting ✓ Ourselves in Truth ✓ Abiding in Jesus' words and keeping His command to love one another.

Tending ✓ our Spiritual ✓ Garden Staying focused on Christ and protecting our garden from weeds.

Trusting ✓ the Gardener to Prune ✓ Staying humble while God removes what hinders our spiritual fruitfulness.

Blooming ✓ Together ✓ in Faith We grow stronger when we support and encourage one another in community.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1. In what ways can you more intentionally remain in Christ this week, allowing His love and words to shape your actions and relationships?
- 2. What areas of your life might God be pruning right now, and how can you trust His hand to shape you for greater fruitfulness?