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Isaiah 5:1–2 (NKJV) Now let me sing to my Well-beloved A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard:

My Well-beloved has a vineyard

On a very fruitful hill.

² He dug it up and cleared out its stones,

And planted it with the choicest vine.

He built a tower in its midst,

And also made a winepress in it;

So He expected *it* to bring forth *good* grapes,

But it brought forth wild grapes.

So that you will grow and flourish exhibiting even more fruit in your life.

John 15:3 (NKJV) You are already **clean** because of the word which I have spoken to you.

Hebrews 12:5–6 (NLT) ⁵ And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said, "My child, don't make light of the Lord's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. ⁶ For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child."

Hebrews 12:10–11 (NIV) ¹⁰ They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, **in order that we may share in his holiness.** ¹¹ 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.

2 Peter 1:2–4 (NKJV) ² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³ as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, **through the knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, **that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.**

John 15:3–4 (NLT) ³ You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. 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.

There is a vast difference in doing something with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit and doing something in and of your own strength.

John 15:5–6 (NKJV) ⁵ “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

John 3:16, 36 (NLT) “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him **will not perish** but have eternal life.” ³⁶ And anyone who believes in God’s Son **has eternal life.**”

John 5:24 (NLT) “I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me **have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins,** but they have already passed from death into life.”

John 10:28–29 (NLT) ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, ²⁹ for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand.

Romans 8:1 (NLT) So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 3:15 (NKJV) If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Pruning . . . Fruit Bearing . . . Abiding

John 15:7 (NLT) But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!