

Digging Deeper: John 15:1-17

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Day 1

Read through and pray over John 15:1-17.

Read John 15:1-2. Jesus describes himself as the True Vine and God the Father as the gardener. God removes branches that don't bear fruit and prunes other branches to bear more fruit. What does it mean to bear fruit? What does bearing fruit look like in your life? Does your fruit reflect the True Vine?

Day 2

Read John 15:3.

Jesus tells his disciples they are already clean because of the word he spoke to them. Read John 13:10, Ephesians 5:26 and John 17:17. What was Jesus saying by telling his disciples they were already clean? Have you been washed by the Word of God?

Day 3

Read John 15:4-7.

What does Jesus say is the requirement or prerequisite to bear fruit? Read also 6:56, 1 John 2:6 and, finally, John 15:10. How do we remain in Jesus? Consider what steps you are taking to continually remain in him.

Day 4

Read John 15:8.

Why should you produce fruit? Read Matthew 5:16 and John 13:35. If God already knows us, why do we need to produce fruit? Why do we need to prove to be his disciples?

Day 5

Read John 15:9-11.

Okay, so Jesus wants us to glorify God by producing fruit. To produce fruit we must remain in Jesus. To remain in Jesus we must keep his commandments. And what do we receive by remaining in Jesus and keeping his commandments? What is complete joy and where do we get it? Lastly, what should complete joy look like in your life right now?

Day 6

Read John 15:12-17.

Directly after instructing his disciples to keep his commandments in order to remain in him and bear fruit, Jesus gives a command. What command does Jesus give to his disciples?

Read John 3:16. Not only does Jesus command us to love one another, but he also demonstrates that love perfectly to us. How do we demonstrate the love of Christ to others?