

Big Idea:

Through intimacy with Christ we can change the world.

John 15:1-2

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

John 15:3-4

Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

John 15:7-8

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

John 15:9-10

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.



Abiding in Christ means:

Immersing one's entire life in the person of Jesus.

The most important part about reading the Bible is what you do when you close it.



"We have to trust and obey, to detach ourselves from all else, to reach out after Him and cling to Him, to sink ourselves into Him.

As we do this, through the grace He gives us, a character is formed and a heart prepared for the fuller experience: "I in you.""

Andrew Murray - The True Vine



Vines or trees produce particular kinds of fruit. An apple tree produces apples. A grape vine produces grapes. We should expect that Jesus will produce in us character that makes us more like Jesus.



The Kind of Fruit Jesus Talks About: 1. Joy

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.



The Kind of Fruit Jesus Talks About:

2. Love

John 15:12-14

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.



The Kind of Fruit Jesus Talks About:

3. Influence

But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.



Consciously integrate Jesus into all you do.



"Meet each new engagement, undertake every new work, with an ear and heart open to the Master's voice, "He that abides in me... brings forth much fruit."

You see to the abiding; He will see to the fruit, for he will give it in you and through you."

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