

CONSIDER YOUR FRUIT (Part 1) March 15, 2026

John 15:1-4 AMPC (Amplified Classic)

1 I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser.

2 Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses *and* repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more *and* richer *and* more excellent fruit.

3 You are cleansed *and* pruned already, because of the word which I have given you [the teachings I have discussed with you].

4 Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. [Live in Me, and I will live in you.] Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.

5 I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing.

v.1 Jesus is the true source of our spiritual life.

v.2 The Father prunes who He loves.

v.3 Jesus' Words Cleans and Shape Us.

v.4 Remaining/Abiding/Dwelling in JESUS produces fruit.

How is your spiritual fruit? The answer will most likely correlate with your “remaining, abiding, dwelling” with Jesus

SELF CHECK. (Galatians 5:22-23) How was my love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness faithfulness, gentleness, and self control last week?

Grace: Jesus is the way for us to produce fruit.

Truth: We have to create space in our lives for Jesus to grow relationship.

HOPE SHOT: We don't have to struggle on our own to produce fruit— staying connected to the vine (the source of growth) naturally produces fruit.

How do we remain/abide/dwell?
We practice “Spiritual Disciplines”

Inward Disciplines (things we practice inside our hearts)

1. **Meditation:** Thinking deeply about God and His Word.
Explanation: slowing down and really thinking about what God says in the Bible. Instead of just reading a verse quickly, you pause and ask, “What is God showing me here?”
2. **Prayer:** Talking and listening to God.
Explanation: a conversation with God. You can thank Him, ask for help, talk about your worries, and listen quietly for what He might want to show you.
3. **Fasting:** Choosing to give something up for a time so you can focus more on God.
Explanation: usually means not eating for a short time, but it can also mean giving up something else (like social media or TV). The goal is to remind yourself that God is more important than anything else so you spend time with God when you would normally be doing the thing you are ‘fasting’ from.
4. **Study:** Learning and understanding God’s truth.
Explanation: spending time learning what the Bible teaches. It’s not just reading—it’s asking questions, thinking about what it means, and letting it change how you live.

Outward Disciplines (things we practice in our actions)

5. **Simplicity:** Living with less so God stays first.
Explanation: not letting stuff control your life. Instead of always wanting more things, you choose to focus on what really matters—loving God and loving people.
6. **Solitude:** Spending quiet time alone with God.
Explanation: Stepping away from noise and people for a little while so you can be alone with God. It helps you slow down and hear Him better.
7. **Submission:** Choosing humility and putting others first.
Explanation: not always needing your own way. It’s choosing to listen, serve, and respect others instead of trying to control everything.
8. **Service:** Helping others in love.
Explanation: doing things for others because you care about them and want to show God’s love. It can be big or small—helping someone, encouraging them, or meeting a need.

Corporate Disciplines (things we practice with other believers)

9. **Confession:** Honestly admitting our sins to God and sometimes to trusted believers.
Explanation: telling the truth about our mistakes instead of hiding them. When we admit our sins, God forgives us and helps us start fresh.
10. **Worship:** Honoring and praising God together.
Explanation: showing God how much He means to us. We do this through singing, praying, listening to Scripture, and thanking Him for who He is.
11. **Guidance:** Seeking God’s direction together.
Explanation: asking God to lead us and listening together as a church or group. Sometimes God shows His will through wise believers around us.
12. **Celebration:** Joyfully thanking God for His goodness.
Explanation: enjoying God’s gifts and being thankful. Christians celebrate because God is good, He forgives us, and He is always working in our lives.

APPLYING THE WORD:

This week, I will choose to remain in you Jesus. I will do this by:
