

ABIDING IN THE VINE

Lessons from the Upper Room # 7
5-5-21

Text: John 15:1-17

The "Picture" Jesus Painted

- The true vine = _____ (15:1, 5)
Compare to Isaiah 5:1-7
- The vinedresser (gardener) = _____ (15:1)
See also: Isaiah 5:1-7; Matthew 21:33-44; Matthew 3:10; Matthew 7:17-20; Luke 8:4-15; Luke 13:6-9
- The branches = _____ – 15:5

Lessons We Should Learn From This "Picture"

1. **Jesus is our only source of _____.**
(15:6)
2. **Jesus is our only source of _____.**
(15:4-5)

Our productivity manifests itself as:

- A. _____ (15:2, 16)
- B. _____ fruit (15:2)
Through _____ (15:2)
- C. _____ fruit (15:5, 8)
- D. _____ fruit (15:16)

If fruit isn't produced, the branch is

_____ for
destruction (15:2, 6)

3. Our lives should be characterized by "fruit"!

- A. Fruit includes our _____ (who we are) – _____
Galatians 5:22-23; 2 Peter 1:5-8
- B. Fruit includes our _____ (what we do) – _____ (15:10, 14)
Colossians 1:10; Matthew 5:16

4. Our fruitfulness is dependent on our "abiding" in Jesus. (John 15:4-6)

Abiding (or remaining) = _____

- A. Continuing – _____ of character & obedience
- B. Connection– _____

Our continuing connection is nurtured through interaction with God's word, _____ and _____ with God's people.

5. Our fruitfulness is also connected to ...

- A. Answered _____ (15:7, 16)
- B. Our _____ being glorified (15:8)
- C. Proof of our _____ (15:8)
- D. Our experience of _____ (15:11)
- E. Our _____ for one another (15:12)