

**“LESSONS FROM THE VINEYARD”**  
**“BEARING FRUIT FOR AN ABUNDANT HARVEST”**

**PART 4:**

**“BEARING FRUIT WHILE ABIDING IN THE WORLD”**  
**“Finding Fertile Soil in a Battlefield”**  
*(John 15:18-27)*

**INTRODUCTION:**

*“I am the true vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser.  
...I am the vine, you are the branches.”*

—John 15:1, 5a

**OVERVIEW AND REVIEW**

**THE FOCUS ON RELATIONSHIPS:**

1. *The Relationship of the Vine to the Branches. (v. 1-10)*
2. *The Relationship of the Branches to One Another. (v. 11-17)*
3. *The Relationship of the Vine & the Branches to the World. (v. 18-27)*

**THE FOCUS ON FRUIT-BEARING:**

1. *Fruit Bearing is the Purpose of Our Relationship with Christ (v. 16)*
2. *Fruit Bearing is the Proof of Our Discipleship to Christ (v. 8)*
3. *Fruit Bearing is the Product of Our Fellowship with Christ (v. 3-7)*

**THE KEY: ABIDING**

**BUT WE ARE NOT ONLY TO ABIDE IN CHRIST, BUT ALSO IN HIS COMMUNITY.**

*“If the world hates you...”*

—John 15:18a

**1A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ STRUCTURE OF THE PASSAGE:**

- 1B. *What \_\_\_\_\_ should expect from the \_\_\_\_\_ and why. (v. 18-25)*  
*“If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you.”*

- 2B. *What \_\_\_\_\_ expects from \_\_\_\_\_ and why. (v. 26-27)*  
*“...you will testify also,...”*

2A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ ARGUMENT OF JESUS:

*“Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’”*

—John 15:20a

- What is \_\_\_\_\_ about the Vine is also \_\_\_\_\_ about the Branches. The Vine’s \_\_\_\_\_ to the world necessarily shapes and determines the branches’ \_\_\_\_\_ to the world, because they abide in the Vine.

3A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ REALITIES FOR HIS FOLLOWERS:

1B. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the world. \_\_\_\_\_ are we.

*“If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you.*

*...He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well. But they have done this to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, ‘THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.’”*

—John 15:18, 23-25

2B. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the world. \_\_\_\_\_ are we.

*“If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.”*

—John 15:19

*“And He was saying to them, ‘You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.’”*

—John 8:23

3B. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the world. \_\_\_\_\_ should we.

*“...and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.”*

—John 15:27

*“...for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth...”*

—John 18:37

CONCLUSION:

- The threat of persecution is not an \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_. It is, rather, a challenge to us to be on mission with Jesus, to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Christ \_\_\_\_\_ to a hostile world, in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.