

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

**PART 1:**

**“IT’S ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS!”**  
**“The Fundamental Principle of Fruitfulness”**  
**(John 15:1-27)**

**INTRODUCTION:**

*“...so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God...”*

—Colossians 1:10

**BACKGROUND - UNDERSTANDING THE METAPHOR**

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

—John 15:1, 5a

*“The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah are the gardens of his delight”*

—Isaiah 5:7

1. The relationship of the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 1-10)
2. The relationship of the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 11-17)
3. The Relationship of the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 18-27)

**FRUIT BEARING IS...**

**1A. ...THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR \_\_\_\_\_ WITH CHRIST (v. 16)**

*“I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit.”*

—John 15:16 (The Message)

- \_\_\_\_\_ is the result of \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God.”*

—Romans 7:4

2A. ...THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR \_\_\_\_\_ TO CHRIST (v. 8)

*"...that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples."*

—John 15:8

- Where there is no \_\_\_\_\_, there is no \_\_\_\_\_.

*"And the surviving remnant of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward."*

—Isaiah 37:31

- Barrenness is always evidence of \_\_\_\_\_.

3A. ...THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR \_\_\_\_\_ IN CHRIST (v. 3-7)

*"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."*

—John 15:5

- The Key to Fruit Bearing is \_\_\_\_\_!

*"O Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after you. I am like a luxuriant cypress; From Me comes your fruit."*

—Hosea 14:8

**CONCLUSION:**

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."*

—John 12:24

- The choice is yours, abide \_\_\_\_\_ or abide \_\_\_\_\_.