

I am the
True
vine





John 10:10 (p 1235)

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 13ff (p 1240)

Jesus before His death

John 15:1-8 (p 1242)

I AM THE TRUE VINE

- The Secret To Living Is Fruit Bearing

We are not vines; we are but branches.

I cannot do anything apart from Christ.

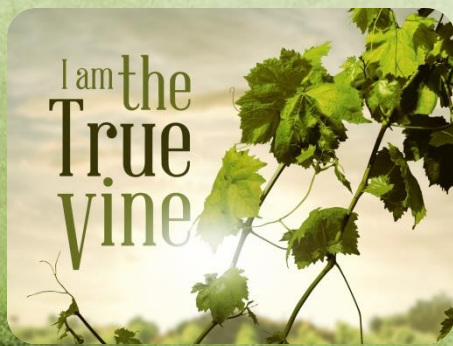
Growth is necessary **2 Peter 3:28 (p 1397)**

I AM A BRANCH IN THE VINE = JESUS

As a result ... I will bear fruit!

☑ He is HOLY ... I am HOLY!

☑ Branches propagate other branches!



• The Secret To Fruit Bearing Is Abiding

The branches ABIDE in the vine

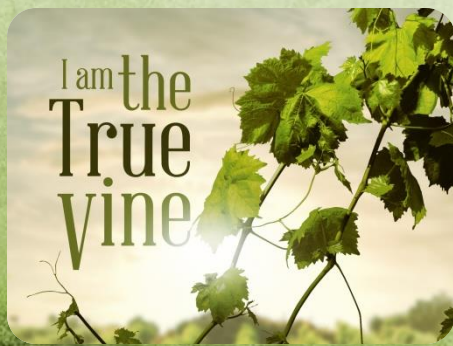
Denotes a complacent resting; continual

Galatians 3:27 (p 1339)

Colossians 2:6-7 (p 1353)

THE WORD OF JESUS CHRIST (v 4, 7)

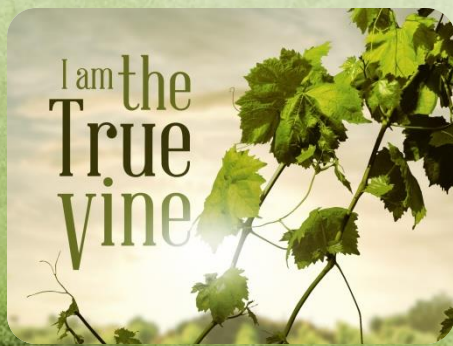
*If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you,
you will ask what you desire, and it shall be
done for you.*



• The Secret To Fruit Bearing Is Abiding

How to know YOU are ABIDING in Christ:

1. Pruning v2
2. Growing dependency vv4-5
3. Fruit inspection v5
4. Love for Christ and others vv9-12



- Dangers In The Vineyard

Fruit bearing is for the GLORY of God v8

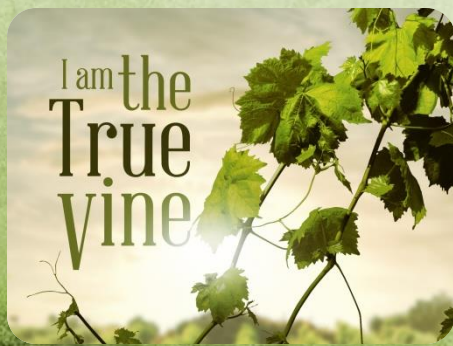
Consequence to ABIDING v10

Warning in **verse 6** to consider!

See **Matthew 13:37-43 (p 1127)**

GALATIANS 5:22-25 (p 1341)

THE SPIRITUAL LITMUS TEST



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the
heavenly places in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3)



**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.**

(JOHN 15:10)