



The Disciple's Purpose...to bear FRUIT - vs. 2

What is Fruit?...Godly character (Galatians 5:22-23)

God's work in you is focused on one thing: fruit

The Disciple's Cultivation – vs. 2

Purpose of Pruning (cutting away) “...to bear more fruit” – John 15:2

The Disciple's Relationship – vs. 4

Already in Christ...Remaining in Christ

1. Command “...Abide in my, and I in you.”
2. Necessity “...As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me”

Maintenance of the relationship

- We must decide to do things that expose ourselves to Him and keep ourselves in contact with Him.

The Disciple's Warning – vs. 5 “...apart from me you can do nothing.”

Proverbs 21:30 – “There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord.”

Tragedy...Two great blessings forfeited

1. Fruitfulness
2. Answered Prayer

The Disciple's Promise – vs. 7 “ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

1. Answered Prayer
 - a. 1 John 5:14 “...if we ask anything according to his will he hears us”
 - b. Matthew 21:22 “And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”
2. God is Glorified
 - a. Fruitfulness...proof of a disciple
 - b. Love...John 13:35 “by this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
 - c. Obedience...Obedience is the pathway to abiding.
 - d. Joy...Attained, Abiding, Abounding