

FRUIT THAT'S GOOD FOR THE BODY

REMAIN JOHN 15:1-11

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I. Jesus' role in bearing fruit: The *Vine*

A. He is the source of *life*

B. He is the source of *fruit*

1. We are *grafted* into a relationship with Jesus

II. The Father's role in bearing fruit: The *Gardener*

A. He *lifts up* the branches

B. He *cleans* the branches

C. He *throws away* worthless parts

D. He *prunes* with the Word

◆ When fruit is produced the Gardener gets the *credit!*

III. Our role in bearing fruit: The *branch* 4-5

A. Stay *connected*

1. *Active*: We remain in Him (We choose)

2. *Passive*: He remains in us (He enables)

◆ Without the vine we are *lifeless*

B. Stay *focused*

1. Fruit is the end *product* not the beautiful branches

• The *quality* and *quantity* of the fruit is not our responsibility

2. Remember your crucial role in God's *vineyard*

◆ Our purpose is to *bear fruit*, our responsibility is to *remain*

IV. The evidence of a *fruitful* life 7-11

A. Answered *prayer*

B. A demonstration of *discipleship*

C. A deep *love*

D. A complete *joy*

V. The challenge

A. Are you "*in* the Vine"?

B. Are you "*remaining* in the Vine"?

C. How is the Gardener *cleaning* and *pruning* you?