

# *Fruit, More Fruit, Much Fruit!*

**John 15:1-8**

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## Introduction

- Lumberjack and saw
- Fruit is Christ-like character and conduct
- The need for a vital connection to the vine—Jesus Christ
  - Dead branch—no connection, no fruit
  - Live branch—connection with fruit
- The Process of Fruit Production—2 Pet. 1:5-7

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### **A. The Dynamics of Mutual Abiding—John 15:4-5, 7**

1. We “*abide*” in Christ
  - a. Relational term describing intimate fellowship we enjoy with Christ.
  - b. “*Abiding*” is on-going, active dependence on Christ. 1 John 2:19, 24
  - c. “*Abiding*” is active trust which results in a fruitful life—Jer. 17
2. Christ “*abides*” in us
  - a. Jesus abides in us through the indwelling Spirit—John 14
  - b. Jesus Christ lives His life in and through us—Galatians 2:20
3. Impossibility of producing fruit in our own strength—John 15:4-5
4. The Means Jesus uses to reproduce His life in us
  - a. **Through His Word—15:7**
    - 1) The indwelling Spirit of God ministers to our inward man with the internalized Word of Christ with the result that we respond by faith in loving obedience to the commands of Christ!—The dynamics of the Christian life!
    - 2) The transformation process—2 Corinthian 3:18
    - 3) Fruit-bearing results—Psalm 1:1-3
  - b. **Through Prayer—15:7**
    - 1) Prayer is our way of expressing our dependence on God.
    - 2) Three conditions for effective prayer
      - a) Must be offered in Jesus’ name—John 14; 1 John 5
      - b) Must be “*abiding in Christ*”—fellowship—Psa. 66
      - c) Must be in line with God’s Word—Ps. 37:4
    - 3) Fruit-bearing results—God is glorified—John 15:8

### **B The Discipline of Pruning—John 15:2-3**

1. *Every branch in Me, not bearing fruit, He ‘takes’ away—lit. “lifts”*
2. *Every branch in Me that bears fruit, He prunes*
  - a. Discipline as sons—Hebrews 12:5-7
  - b. Produces the “*peaceable fruit of righteousness*”—Heb. 12:11
3. *Every branch He cleanses—John 15:3*