



The True Vine

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Nothing lasting is **PRODUCED** through you without a Jesus-reliance **EMPOWERING** you.

John 15:1-4

Nothing **LASTING** is produced through you without a **JESUS-reliance** **EMPOWERING** you.

Like we see in other organic illustrations that Jesus uses, there is an inherent **PRODUCTIVITY**, vitality, and health that is expected when it comes to living things.



"Many self-oriented Christians are more concerned about producing leaves that make themselves look good than about producing the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5) for God's glory. A concern of counseling, then, is to explain the pruning process in which by trial, suffering etc., God often trims off excesses in our lives that keep us from growing fruit."

– Jay E. Adams, *The Gospel of John, The Letters of John and Jesus*, The Christian Counselor's Commentary

NOTHING lasting is produced through you without a Jesus-RELIANCE empowering you.

John 15:5-8



This is what Jesus wants to be sure that you understand – fruitfulness is absolutely DEPENDENT upon remaining, abiding, staying connected to Him.

Jesus never once commands us to “BEAR FRUIT” – He commands us, instead, to “REMAIN in Him”

John 15:9-12

See the sequence:

- Remain in my LOVE
- You remain in my love by keeping my COMMANDMENTS
- Here’s my command: love ONE ANOTHER as I have loved you



Galatians 5:14, Galatians 6:2

Partnership = FRUIT

No partnership = NO FRUIT

Nothing lasting is produced through YOU without a Jesus-reliance empowering YOU.

The people in your oikos are going to see Jesus in you as His SPIRIT produces the fruit of LOVE through your life.

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