



JOHN 15:5 —

“I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE
BRANCHES. IF YOU REMAIN IN
ME AND I IN YOU, YOU WILL
BEAR MUCH FRUIT; APART
FROM ME YOU CAN DO
NOTHING.”

DEVOTION:

We live in a world that measures worth by productivity—what you accomplish, what you can produce, how “effective” you are. But Jesus teaches something radically different:

fruitfulness doesn’t start with doing; it starts with abiding.

A branch doesn’t strain to produce grapes.

It doesn’t try harder, push harder, or stress itself into fruitfulness. It simply stays connected to the vine.

Connection determines production.

Jesus is saying:

“You don’t partner with Me by performance. You partner with Me by presence.”

When we abide—when we make space for His voice, His Word, His presence—He supplies:

- strength when we feel worn
- peace when we feel anxious
- wisdom when we feel confused
- identity when we feel insecure
- power when we feel weak

The fruit people see on the outside is always the result of the flow happening on the inside.

We often try to fix the fruit—our emotions, behaviors, habits, reactions

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but Jesus invites us to focus on the root: **abiding in Him.**

Partnership with God isn’t about you doing the work *for* Him but allowing Him to work *through* you.

Your job is to remain.
His job is to produce.

And this truth brings freedom:
You don’t have to force outcomes.
You don’t have to strive to be enough.
You don’t have to manufacture spiritual strength.

You simply stay connected to Christ—and He brings the fruit in His timing and His way.

Prayer

Jesus, teach me how to abide in You. Quiet my striving and draw me into a deeper awareness of Your presence. Help me remain connected—through Your Word, through prayer, through simple trust. Produce in me what I cannot produce in my own strength. Let my life bear fruit that reflects You and glorifies You. Amen.