

Pruned like a branch

Go for it, Lord!

John 15:1-8 TM

Good enough for Jesus.....

- I am the Real Vine: no religious imitations
- My Father is the Farmer: I trust Him totally!
- No fruit, No branch.....
- Grape Bearing He prunes so bigger harvest.
- The Son can't independently do a thing, only what He sees the Father doing. What the Father does, the Son does John 5:19 / 8:28b / 12:49.
- Not my will but yours be done.

Good enough for me.....

- Already pruned by my message!
- Make your home in me just as I do in you: intimacy!
- Grapes by yourself: your kidding yourself!
- Intimately connected to the Vine, otherwise fruitless: you will know which is true of you!
- Joined with me: intimate and organic equals abundant harvest. Am I experiencing that?

Pruning is absolutely necessary: how?

- Areas in my life that lead to death must go. When I became a Christian what changed? What was cut off?
- Areas in my life where I am just going through the motions require pruning: drastic, painful, spiritual secateurs needed.
- Submit yourself to one another out of reverence for Christ (Ephesians 5:21)

Separated from Jesus

- A choice or by default?
- You can't produce a thing. Did I become a Christian not to produce anything?
- Deadwood, gathered up, burnt: wood, hay and straw!
- At home with me = my words at home in you.
- Whatever you ask: listened to / acted upon.
- Father's Vine: mature disciples producing grapes!