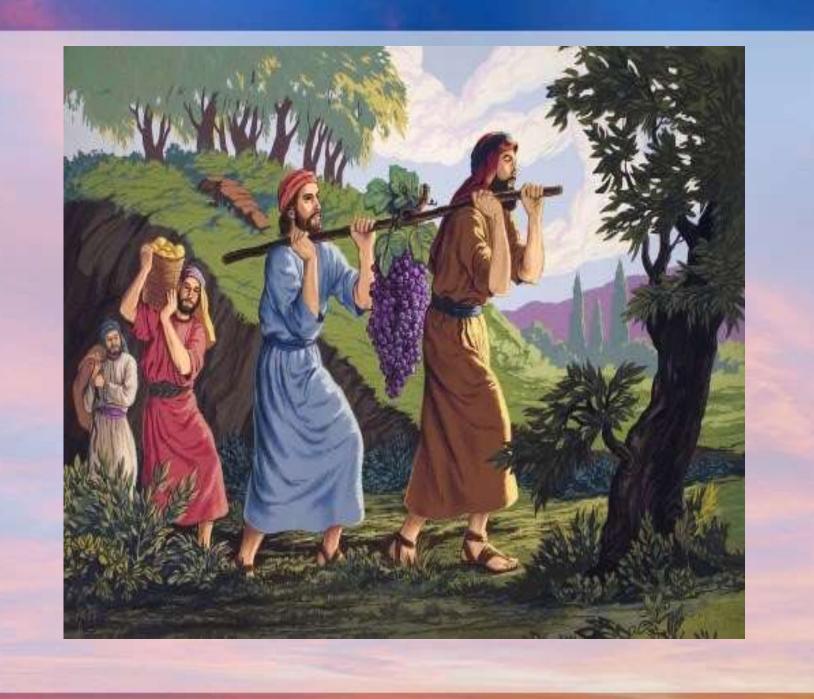


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John 15:1-19 (NLT)

1 "I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. 3 You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

5 "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. 7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

8 When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father. 9 "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. 11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

12 This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you... 16 You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. 17 This is my command: Love each other.



FIVE WONDERFUL BLESSINGS WE RECEIVE WHEN WE ARE CONNECTED TO THE VINE - JESUS



1. Fruit Produced

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Two Kinds of Fruit

- a. The Fruit of the Spirit
- b. Spiritual Offspring

You were chosen and appointed to produce fruit

One Requirement for Fruit Production

*Continual Abiding in Jesus

2. Prayers are Answered

7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

16 You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.

Two Conditions for answered Prayer

a. You remain in Me b. My words remain in You

3. The Love of God Abounds

9 "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. [51] 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

4. Joy Realized

11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

5. Peace Prevails

²⁷ "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. John 14:27 (NLT)

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27 (NKJV)