



# PORTRAITS OF DISCIPLESHIP

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# LESSON 5: THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

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## The Disciple's Dependence Upon Christ

*I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing (John 15:5)*

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- ✿ John 15:1-8
- ✿ The emphasis is the disciples continue to abide in Christ
- ✿ Discipleship is not a hit-and-miss vocation
- ✿ As the branch's life depends on remaining connected to the vine, so the disciple's life depends on maintaining his connection with Christ

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## 1. We will be like the vine

✿ James 3:12

✿ Luke 6:40

✿ 1 John 2:6

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## 2. We will bear fruit

- ☞ John 15:2

- ☞ Spiritual growth and maturity (2 Pet. 1:5-8)

- ☞ Increased talents and opportunities (Matt. 25:14-30)

- ☞ Good deeds (Matt. 5:16; Eph. 2:10; Tit. 3:14)

- ☞ Involvement in the work of the gospel (Phil. 4:15-18)

- ☞ Winning lost souls (Rom. 1:13)

- ☞ Praise (Heb. 13:15)

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3. We will be pruned to bear more fruit

✪ John 15:2-3

✪ Psalm 119:9

✪ Hebrews 12:10-11

✪ James 1:2-4; Romans 5:3-4



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4. We will remain connected to the life-giving vine

☞ John 15:4-5

☞ Failure to abide in Christ and produce fruit invites disaster (vs. 2, 6; Matt. 13:40-42; Rev. 20:14-15)

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5. Our prayers will be answered

✪ John 15:7



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## 6. We will glorify God

✿ John 15:8

✿ Matthew 5:16

✿ 1 Corinthians 10:31

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