

# Abide: The Way to Be Alive

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Series: How to Thrive in 2025

Text: [John 15:1-11](#)

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Three Important Facts to Know:

1. Jesus is the **Vine**
2. The Father is the **Vine Dresser**
3. You and I are the **Branches**

## I. THE PROCESS OF BEING LIKE HIM

A. The purging of sin

Read [John 15:2a](#)

B. The pruning of self

To "prune" = to thin, to reduce, to cut off

Read [John 15:6](#)

*The branch that is not attached to the vine is useless*

## II. THE PICTURE OF BEING LIKE HIM

### A. Clean

*We are washed, changed, sanctified in Christ*

Read [John 15:3](#), [1 Corinthians 6:9-11](#)

### B. Bear fruit

*When we abide in Christ, we also bear fruit*

Read [John 15:2](#), [15:5](#)

Read [Isaiah 15:1-4](#)

*God laments when His people are not faithful*

#### 4 Levels of Fruit Bearing

1. No fruit
2. Meager fruit
3. More fruit
4. Much fruit

*Which basket represents your life right now?*

#### **C. Answered prayer**

Read [John 5:7](#), [5:16](#)

*Prayer is a privilege – but it's also hard work*

#### **D. Love**

*When we love one another selflessly our love will not look like the world's love*

Read [John 5:9](#), [10](#), [12](#), [13](#)

#### **E. Obedience**

*"If ye do whatsoever I command you."*

Read [John 5:10](#)

#### **F. Joy**

Read [John 5:11](#), [Hebrews 12:2](#)

1. The **source** of joy
2. The **strength** of joy

***Abiding in Christ*** brings continuous joy

