

John 15:1-6

**A FRUITFUL
EMBRACED
JOURNEY**

**“Fruitfulness is
impossible without
activity.”**

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"I am the true vine, and
my Father is the gardener."

John 15:1 NIV





YOU MUST CULTIVATE ROOTS.

Roots/Vines are what you are connected to.





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Remain in ME,

- as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "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.
- John 15:4-5 NIV





HE cuts off,

- every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. John 15:2.
- If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.
- John 15:4-5 NIV



YOU MUST ELIMINATE THE DEAD IN YOUR LIFE.



The dying branches in your life, are anything
that hinder or limit your spiritual growth.





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You don't have
to cultivate
weeds.



Dying
branches
are a
sign of neglect.





You are already clean

- because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "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." John 15:3-5 NIV



YOU MUST COOPERATE WITH GOD'S PRUNING IN YOUR LIFE.



Pruning involves cutting off not only dead branches but also living ones as well in order to improve the shape of the plant and stimulate growth.





If you

- remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

- John 15:7 NIV



**YOU MUST WAIT FOR THE HARVESTING
AND MATURE GROWTH TO HAPPEN.**



Growing fruit takes time.



Top Ten Things I Have Learned from Gardening



10

We really do "reap what we sow". Good seeds bear good fruit.

9

Without rains and storms there is no growth - no fruit is produced.

8

When weeding, be careful! We can't always tell the difference between a nasty weed and a beautiful flower

7

Deep roots are a good thing. Without them, we'll wither and die.

6

Pruning and trimming, as painful as it seems, actually works to our advantage.



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In gardening, as in life, cheating does not work. Short-cuts, sloppy efforts, and neglect always show up in the quality of our garden.

4

Like anything worthwhile, beautiful gardens require attention, hard work, and commitment.

3

We cannot rush the harvest. Bearing fruit takes time and patience. Premature fruit is almost always sour.

2

Gardening and growing is a lifetime experience. We can experience growth and beauty until the day we die.

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Fertilizer smells but it still needs to happen! In fact, nothing much grows without it.