

5 Day Devotional for the week of October 19, 2025

This five day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. Together, we will explore the themes of abiding in Christ, staying connected, and bearing fruit in our daily lives.

Day 1

John 15:1-4 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ 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.

The importance of abiding in Jesus cannot be overstated. As the branches are nothing without the vine, so are we without Christ. In today's passage, Jesus emphasizes the necessity of staying united with Him to bear fruit. Our relationship with Him is the source of spiritual vitality and abundance.

This teaching reminds us to continually check the connection we have with Christ. Just like branches derive their strength and nourishment from the vine, we must draw on His strength through prayer, reading the Word, and worship. Staying connected means we will never run empty in our spiritual journeys.

- What activities in your life help you stay connected to the true vine?
- How has abiding in Christ changed your perspective on daily challenges?
- What steps can you take to ensure a deeper connection with Jesus?
- Ask God to help you notice when you're starting to run spiritually dry and need to reconnect.
- Pray for a stronger desire to remain consistent in your spiritual practices.

Day 2

John 15:5-8 "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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be

done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

As the sermon and scripture indicate, bearing fruit is a natural result of abiding in Christ. When we remain close to Him, His life flows through us, allowing us to act with love, patience, and kindness. The fruit we bear is a testament to our discipleship and commitment to God.

In this passage, Jesus speaks directly to the potential of our prayers. As we align our lives with His will, our desires transform to reflect His purposes, and our prayer life becomes more effective. This alignment multiplies the fruitfulness of our lives, bringing glory to God and fulfillment to us.

- Reflect on a time when staying close to God helped you bear positive fruit in your life.
- How does bearing fruit give glory to God in your personal walk of faith?
- What fruit do you feel God is calling you to develop or focus on right now?
- Spend time praying that God will align your will with His so your prayers bear fruit.
- Request God's guidance to help you identify the spiritual fruit He wants you to cultivate.

Day 3

John 15:9-11 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Jesus invites us to remain in His love. As we abide in Him, our lives will not only bear fruit but will also be filled with the joy that comes from His presence. His commandment to love one another becomes possible when His love is the root of our actions.

This passage challenges us to remain joyful, a divine joy that is rooted in our connection with Jesus. Even amidst life's difficulties, abiding in His love ensures that our joy remains complete and unaffected by circumstances. It's both a blessing and a directive to seek out His love in abundance that transforms our interactions and outlook.

- How has experiencing Jesus' love influenced your relationships with others?
- What are specific ways you can practice abiding in Jesus' love daily?
- Reflect on instances where joy was evident in your life despite challenges.

- Pray for the ability to demonstrate Christ's love in difficult relationships.
- Ask for a deeper experience of God's love that leads to transformative joy.

Day 4

John 15:12-15 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

Christ's command to love one another as He has loved us is both profound and transformative. It speaks of the sacrificial nature of His love and sets a high standard for how we should treat others. This scripture passage invites us to engage meaningfully with those around us with the same love Christ showed.

By moving from servants to friends, Jesus highlights the intimacy and partnership He desires with us. This closeness cultivates a trustworthy relationship where His plans and purposes are shared with those who remain in Him. Our obedience to His command to love thus becomes a fulfilling response to the love we have already received.

- Consider how choosing to love others sacrificially has changed your relationships.
- What steps can you take to nurture friendships that reflect the love of Christ?
- In what ways do you feel Jesus calling you to deepen your understanding of His commands?
- Ask God for the courage to love others as Christ loves, even when it feels sacrificial.
- Pray for opportunities to develop deep, Christ-like friendships.

Day 5

John 15:16-17 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

Our calling in Christ is reaffirmed with the assurance of His choosing. Jesus affirms that we did not choose Him, but instead, He chose us and appointed us to bear lasting fruit. This divine selection brings purpose and clarity to the life we are called to live.

This passage is a reminder that our lives have a God-given purpose that extends beyond immediate tasks and roles. By focusing on the lasting fruit of love, joy, peace, and more, as empowered by the Holy Spirit, we live out our true calling. It encourages us to embrace our identity in Christ and work toward the fulfillment of His will in every action.

- Reflect on how understanding that you are chosen by Christ changes your perspective on life.
- What does bearing lasting fruit look like in your personal and spiritual life?
- How can you actively pursue the purpose God has laid out for you?
- Pray for clarity and boldness in fulfilling the purpose God has given you.
- Seek the Spirit's guidance in identifying and nurturing the fruit that remains.