

## Sunset Over The Lake

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Following up on yesterday's thought that days begin in the evening, and work comes out of rest for the Christian (and not the other way around) there is the concept of abiding.

*"Abide in Me..."* Jesus says in John 15:4.

Abiding is a kind of resting, of staying put to spend time with the Lord. And often it is a time of pruning as well. With the sheltering in place put upon us at present, we are in a perfect position to abide in Jesus and to be pruned. The Lord uses opportunities like this to cut away things that are not of Him, things that might be the equivalent of a vine growing leaves but not fruit. The purpose of a vine is to produce fruit. God, the "vinedresser," expects the Christian to produce fruit. Think of the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control. There is a time to grow to be sure. But it comes after a time of abiding and pruning. Work follows rest in the rhythm of the Christian life.



"Sunset over the Lake" is another restful evening scene, the start to a spiritual day, a reminder to abide in Jesus.

**PRAYER:** *"Lord, may I rest in You, submit to Your pruning, and bear the kind of fruit Your kingdom needs. Amen"*