

What does

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mean to you?

Abide

John 15:4-5

The Sermon: 1/168: Is It Enough?



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1 “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 so that
it will be even more fruitful.

John 15:1-8 NIV

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.

John 15:1-8 NIV

5 “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.

John 15:1-8 NIV

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.

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Abide:

“to wait for”,

“to remain stable or fixed in a state”
and “to continue in a place.”

-Merriam Webster Dictionary



Pete Wilson

**“What matters most
is not what
you accomplish.
What matters most is
who you become.”**

**“Constant contact with our Creator
is essential to fulfilling our calling.”**

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

5 “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

7 Impress them on your children.

Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

8 Tie them as symbols on your hands
and bind them on your foreheads.

9 Write them on the doorframes of
your houses and on your gates.

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If we are abiding in Christ,
there are some natural by-products:

- Stronger marriages
- Spiritually Gifted Children
- Deeper and more meaningful friendships
- Feeling content & peaceful

So what are some ways that
WE can Abide & help our households
on the road to spiritual maturity?

1. Find opportunities to learn the Word

- Read the Bible
- Watch inspirational Christian videos...the skit guys, godtube.com
- Listen to music

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2. Spend time with Jesus in prayer

- Pray alone
- Pray as a family
- Pray at dinner
- Pray before bedtime
- Pray in the car
- Pray at the lake!

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3. Talk about God in your every day life.
Have family devotion time.

- Play games, read books, go outside!
- Find ways to thank Him and talk about Him.

God answered Hudson's call...



...so we danced!

So what are some ways that
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4. We have to be spiritually present and
outwardly faithful

- Faith at home practices...

led by spiritually limp parents...

create spiritually limp children

- As role models, we not only have to
have our head and our hearts in
the right place, but we must
have our habits in check as well

Love one another.

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