

**The fruitfulness of a disciple
John 15:1-8**

I. The work of God in a disciple's life John 15:1-3

John 14:3 closes with **"Let us go"**.



A. The father and son ministry team (1)

1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

B. The ministry of the pruning process (2)

2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

C. The ministry of the purging process (3) lifts it up

3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

II. The dependency of a disciple of Jesus John 15:5,6

A. Dependency starts with intimacy (4,5)

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

B. A lack of dependency can lead to a burn out (6)

6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

III. The fruitfulness of a disciple John 15:7,8

A. A disciple has a fruitful prayer life (7)

7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall **be done for you.**

B. A disciple glorifies the father in his fruit bearing (8)

8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Conclusion

1. Pruning and purging is a work that God uses for fruit bearing.
2. Dependency is a discipline for fruit bearing.
3. The fruitfulness of a disciple is prayer and honor.