

## A disciple bears much fruit

John 15:1-11

### I. The work of the vinedresser John 15:1-3

#### A. Define the relationship (1,2)

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

#### B. The work of the vinedresser (2,3)

1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me (Jesus) that does not bear fruit He (Father) takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. “You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

### II. The work of the vine John 15:4-7

#### A. An abiding relationship (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 disconnected relationship (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.

#### C. An abiding relationship opens up communication (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.

#### D. An abiding relationship honors the Father (8)

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

### III. The work of abiding love John 15:9-11

#### A. The continuity of love (9)

9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

#### B. Keeping his commandment is a fruit of love (10)

10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

#### C. The fruit of obedient love (11)

11 “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.

### Conclusion

1. An abiding relationship comes by understanding the roles of the Father and Son.

2. An abiding relationship is the key to our fruit bearing.

3. An abiding relationship will produce great joy