

# “Be Fruitful!”

Based on John 15:1-8 (NIV)

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*John 15:1-2*

*1 (Jesus says,) "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."*

† I am a branch on the true vine of Jesus.

† I am to carry the Fruit of God's Holy Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

*John 15:2 - He (God) cuts off every branch in me (Christ) that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he (God) prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.*

† God's pruning in my life will be painful.

† Pruning by God is necessary for my growth of character and faith.

*John 15:5 - "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

† Jesus came to earth to provide me with the nourishment, as the vine, so that I can carry God's spiritual fruit.

† God has made me who I am. Don't be anyone else.

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† God is trying to make me better than ever, and to do so, I need to be pruned.

**Applying Today's Message to My Life:**

† What Fruits of the Spirit am I good at carrying in my life?

† Which Fruits of the Spirit do I have trouble carrying?

† How has God pruned me in my life?

† What do I do when I am being pruned?

† What "fruitfulness" in my life has come from my being pruned by God?

† How is God pruning me today to make me the person that is in God's vision?