

"Abide In Me"
John 15:1-17
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Are we disciples, or are we not disciples of Jesus? Are we Christians, or are we merely going through the motions and pretending to some extent?

Abiding in Christ is what sets us apart as committed Christians and disciples of Jesus. Abiding in Christ is the **key** to living a life that honors and glorifies God.

- Have you given your life to Christ Jesus?
- Do you belong to Him?
- Do you live as God wants you to live?
- What should you be doing better?

John 15:4 Abide in Me, and I in you....

Genesis 3:8

**Is there sin keeping me from walking with God?
I'm my or am I not abiding in Christ?**

Psalm 139:23-24

Thought of the Passage: "Christians Cannot Do Anything Apart From Jesus; We Are Unable To Love, Obey Or Bear Fruit If We Do Not Abide In Him."

Outline: John 15:1-17

- 1). Abide John 15:1-8**
- 2). Love John 15:9-13**
- 3). Obey John 15:14-17**

1). Abide John 15:1-8

John 15:1-8

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;

If you don't bear fruit, you are disqualified.

If you are bearing fruit, expect to be pruned.

The word "Abide" appears 7 times in verses 4-7.

Greek: *Men'ō* - "To continue, to remain, to endure, sustain, or withstand."

John 15:7b ...ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

James 4:3

Abide in Christ, and you will begin to know the Father's heart.

Psalm 37:4

Daniel The Prophet Prayed: Daniel 6:10

King David Prayed: Psalms 5:1-3

Jesus Messiah Prayed: Matthew 14

Matthew 14:23

Personal preference, personal comfort, and Christian liberties must become secondary to the upward call of God in Christ. (Philippians 4:14)

John 15: 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

Disciple: from the greek *mathetes* (*mathematics*); Latin *discipulus*, student, pupil, follower.

The fruit you bear in life is the very evidence of your discipleship.

The fruit in your life is the evidence convicting you of being A Disciple of Christ! A Christian.

A Disciple: does not walk in the counsel of the wicked:

Psalm 1:1-3

A Disciple Consistently Reads and Obeys God's Word:

Psalm 119:9-16

Warren Wiersbe, On Being A Servant of God. "A leader is a reader."

2). Love John 15:9-13

John 15:9-11 Jesus leads by example.

9 Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

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.

11 These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full. (the word "Abide" is used 3 times)

John 15:12

12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. This is not a recommendation; it is not a suggestion.

John 15:13 – There is No greater love.

1 John 3:16

16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Romans 5:6-8

Let us learn to be good brothers and sisters to one another, good co-laborers in Christ, and good friends.

Let them say, "I'm so sad I have to go, instead of I'm so glad I have to go."

Proverbs 18:24

3). Obey John 15:14-17

John:15:14 You are My friends if you do what I command you.

This is what The Lord thinks of disobedience:

(1 Samuel 15) (Exodus 17)

1 Samuel 15:22-23

Disobedience = Rebellion, and rebellion = witchcraft.

Pride will cost you dearly. Pride divided the heavens. Angels became demons over pride.

Hebrews 13:17

John 15:15 but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

Abram was referred to as a friend of God –
2 Chronicles 20:7, Isaiah 41:8, James 2:23

Moses: **Psalms 103:7**

The Righteous: **Proverbs 3:32**

The Disciples: **Matthew 26:38**

**John 15:16 You did not choose Me but I chose you,
"Gratitude produces servitude."
and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit,-
and that your fruit would remain,**

Psalms 112:1-2, 6

Is there a disconnect in your life today? What is the cause of the disconnect?

- Pride (The love of self above all else - Rebellion)
- Money (The love of wealth and possessions)
- Pleasure (The love of pleasure)

Give your life to Christ fully.

We do not have time to waste. Live with a sense of urgency:

Understand that your days are few:

Psalm 39:4 New Living Translation (NLT)

4 "Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be.

Remind me that my days are numbered - how fleeting my life is.

John 15:16b

so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

To abide in Christ so that our prayers may be heard and so that we learn to pray for the right things.

John 15:17 This I command you, that you love one another.

Love one another!

John 13:34

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

Application:

- 1. Abide:** Make A Commitment To Abide In Christ.
- 2. Love:** Commit To Loving Your brothers And Sisters In Christ.
- 3. Obey:** Align Your Heart With Scripture and Do What God Requires Of You.