

Sunday, July 29, 2018

A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

John 15:4-5 Abide in **Me**, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in **Me**. ⁵ **I AM** the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in **Me**, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without **Me** ye can do nothing.

- I. Jesus’ PARABLE of Abiding (John 15:1-8)
 - A. The PROVIDENCE of Fruit-bearing (1-3)
 - B. The PAIN of Fruit-Bearing (2)
 - C. The _____ of Fruit-Bearing (4-6)

The Biblical principle speaks to our _____.

Our heavenly Father is actively at work seeking to move us from FRUITLESSNESS to FRUITFULNESS—from and EMPTY BASKET to an OVERFLOWING BASKET.



Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus UNTO GOOD WORKS, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I AM come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.



DOES THE LEVEL OF FRUITFULNESS IN MY LIFE BRING OUR FATHER MOST GLORY?

1. The _____ of the abiding relationship (5a)

2. The _____ of the abiding relationship (4-5a)

Q: How do we go from the 3rd basket to the 4th basket—from “*more fruit*” to “*much fruit*?”

A: The answer is found in OUR RESPONSE to the “*purging*” process—our CHOOSING to “*abide*.”

a. Respond by being _____ to Christ

The “abiding” relationship is *continual* in that it is ongoing; *living* in that it is alive; *vital* in that our fruit-bearing is dependent upon this union; and it is *spiritual* in that this union is not something that can be seen but the effects of this union are on full display.

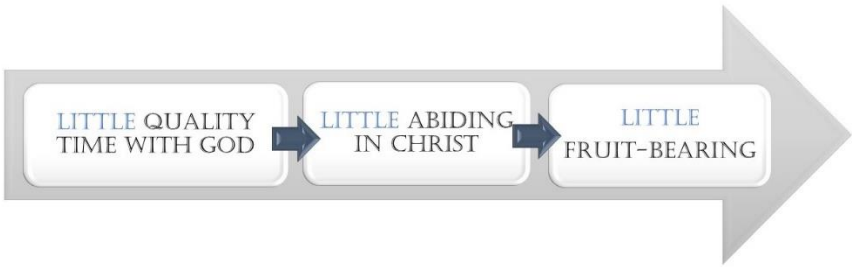
b. Respond by being _____ on Christ

OUR ABIDING IN CHRIST IS NOT ABOUT DOING MORE, IT IS ABOUT YIELDING MORE—IT IS SUBMISSION TO THE WORK OF CHRIST IN YOU.

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with **Christ**: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ** liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the **Son of God, Who** loved me, and gave **Himself** for me.

c. Respond by being _____ to Christ

John 8:31 Then said **Jesus** to those Jews which believed on **Him**, "If ye continue [*abide*] in **My** Word, *then* are ye **My** disciples indeed."



Cf. Colossians 3:1-2, 16

3. The _____ of not abiding (5b-6)

a. The _____ branch (5b)

b. The _____ branch (6)



The path to fruitfulness continues with the *abiding* relationship. Our fruitfulness grows as we learn to respond by yielding ourselves to the in-working of God in our lives.

What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.



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What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF SIN**)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew your mind**)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (**Put ON CHRIST**)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



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