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2026 THEME
*Transformed to Bear Much Fruit*

THIS WEEK'S STUDY

# Transformed to Bear Much Fruit

*John 15:1–8 (NKJV)*

## I Introduction

Most believers remember the joy of salvation: the awareness of forgiveness, a new identity in Christ, and the excitement of walking with God. We worshiped with heartfelt praise, prayed fervently, and loved God's Word sincerely. Yet with time, many find that zeal is replaced by routine, and spiritual vitality by weariness. Followers of the Lord Jesus Christ should be bearing the fruit called righteousness, which is produced through love and obedience.

## II The True Vine

Jesus declares, "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser." He teaches that life and fruitfulness flow from abiding, not from self-effort: "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me" (John 15:4). Christianity is not self-improvement; it is life derived from union with Christ.

### Israel, God's Vine

In the Old Testament, Israel was God's vine, planted and cared for, yet it produced wild or sour fruit. The problem was not God's provision but Israel's disobedience. The imagery prepares the way for Christ to present Himself as the true and faithful Vine.

### Christ, the True Vine

Jesus succeeds where Israel failed. Access to God is no longer through a nation but through a Person. Life, reconciliation, and adoption come only through union with Christ Jesus.

*JOHN 14:6 · 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20*

## III Pruned for More Fruit

The Father prunes fruitful branches so they may bear more fruit. Pruning is often painful, but it is always purposeful. The fruit God seeks is the fruit of character and obedience, what Scripture calls the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23, NKJV). Where no fruit exists, there is no life (John 15:6).

Fruitfulness flows from a life shaped by Christ's Word, empowered by the Spirit, and aligned with God's will. Apart from Christ, even our best efforts amount to nothing.

## IV Discussion Questions

1. What does it practically mean to "abide in Christ" in daily life, not just in belief?
2. What kinds of "pruning" has God used in our lives, and what fruit has it produced?
3. How can you distinguish between religious activity and genuine spiritual fruit?
4. As individuals, which part of the fruit of the Spirit is most lacking in our lives right now, and why? How may we mature in that aspect of the fruit?

MEMORY VERSE

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

JOHN 15:7

✷ ACTION POINT

This week, intentionally restructure your time to strengthen your abiding in Christ through Scripture reading and study, prayer, and obedience. Ask God to reveal what needs to be pruned, and submit to His work without resistance.

### Conclusion

"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." A fruitful life is not an accident; it is the result of a life connected to the Vine and shaped by the Gardener. Titles, longevity in service, being in church, and activity cannot replace spiritual fruit. The ultimate question we need to answer affirmatively is: are we truly living in the Vine, and is His life visibly flowing through us?