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ABIDING IN JESUS

In John chapter 15 verses 1-11 Jesus is speaking about the vine and the branches. The word abide is used nine times in these few verses. Verse 4 says, ***“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.”*** Then verse 5 says, ***“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.”***

To abide means to stay, continue, dwell, endure, remain, stand be present. You cannot abide in Jesus without having a permanent attachment to him. Verse 6 says, ***“If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered, and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.”***

Jesus takes it very seriously about dwelling or abiding in him. We dry up and wither without being attached to him. Our lives have no fruit.

Verse 7 says, ***“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”*** This is a conditional promise. God’s word, which is the bible, must be part of our daily lives. It must be what motivates us and leads us. Without the word, we can ask and ask but will not receive. The more of the word that is in us, the more we know what God’s will is when we ask Him for anything.

One must continuously abide in the presence of the Lord and His word to be fruitful. Without this we are a dead branch. With this we are fruitful. God leaves the choice to us. It is a choice to daily read the word. It is a choice to daily practice what the word says. It is a choice to stay close to the Lord in every area of our life. Where there is fruit in a Christian’s life, then you know that they have been abiding in Jesus.