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(JOHN 15:5)

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John 15:1–11 (NIV)



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If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.



John 15:1–11 (NIV)



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*Jesus wants me to experience **FULL JOY***

- God expects me to show Him gratitude



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John 15:9–11 (NIV)



Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.



1 John 2:15–17 (NIV)



The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.



John 10:10 (NIV)



“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.



John 10:11-15 (NIV)



“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.



John 10:11-15 (NIV)



And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



Philippians 4:7 (NIV)



We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands.

He is the Word of life. This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us.



1 John 1:1-4 (NLT)

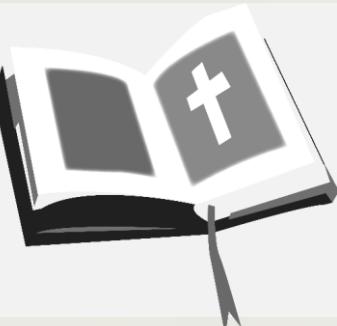


We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.



1 John 1:1-4 (NLT)



But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives:
love, **joy**, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law
against these things!



Galatians 5:22–23 (NLT)





Biblical joy is a deep, steady, God given gladness that isn't dependent on circumstances.

It's rooted in who God is, what He has done, and what He promises, rather than in how life feels in the moment.

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John 15:11 (NIV)



I will not experience full joy apart from Jesus

- Jesus wants me to experience FULL JOY

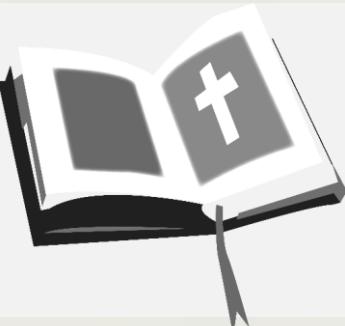


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John 15:5 (NIV)





Branches

Fruit

Vine

When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



Colossians 3:4 (NIV)



“I am the **true** vine, and my Father is the gardener.



John 15:1 (NIV)



Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.

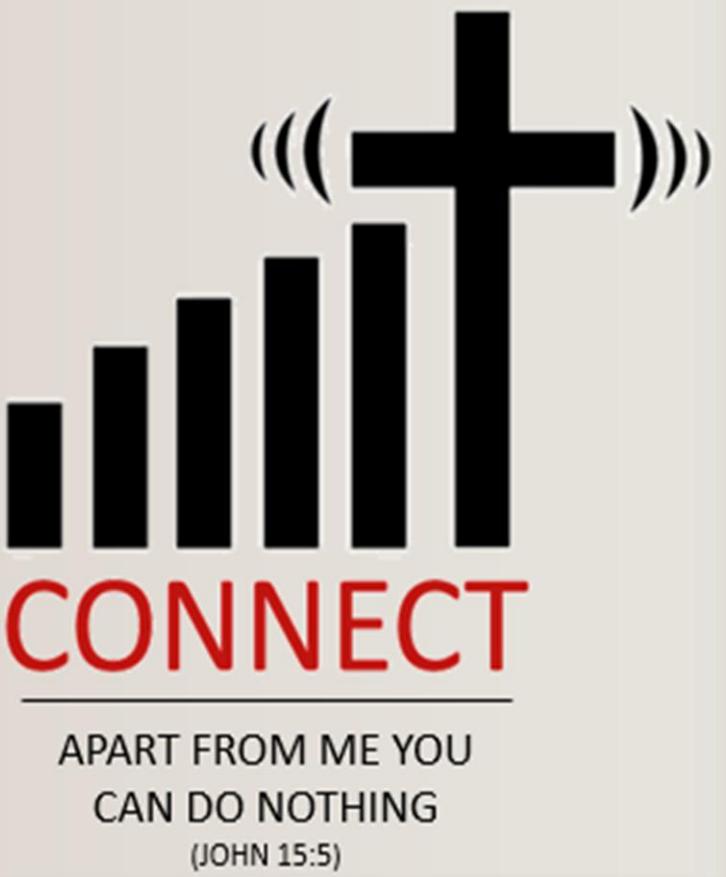


John 14:6 (NIV)



If I'm saved, I should be bearing fruit

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John 15:1–2 (NIV)



If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.



John 15:6 (NIV)



This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit,
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John 15:8 (NIV)



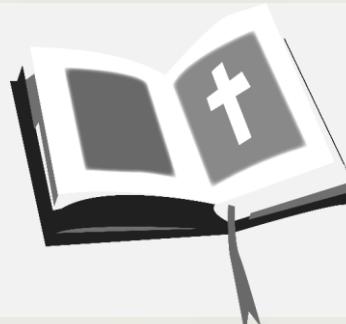
I wasn't created to simply
exist.



For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)



I was created to make a
difference.

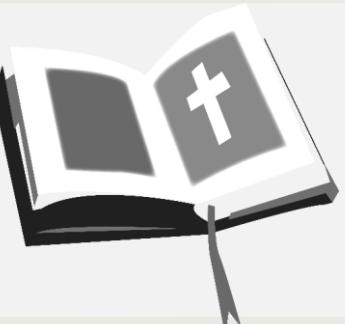


“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?

It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.



Matthew 5:13 (NIV)



“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.



Matthew 5:14–16 (NIV)



I will only bear fruit when I am connected to Jesus

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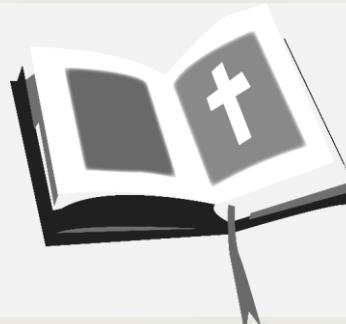


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I CANNOT FULFILL MY PURPOSE IN LIFE
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HOW IS MY CONNECTION TO JESUS?



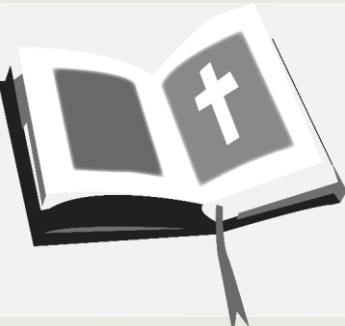
If I feel distant from God, guess who moved.



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