

Pearls of Wisdom

in Perilous Times

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Staying Connected

John 15

1. Just hours before Jesus was betrayed, He comforted the Eleven by saying that although He was going away, He would not have to cope with life alone. Through His Spirit, they would always have full access to His **presence, comfort, counsel, and power.**
2. To help them understand, Jesus drew upon their knowledge of how Israel was compared to a _____ in the Old Testament and their familiarity with vineyards which dotted the landscape around them. He compared the Disciples' relationship with Him to a _____.
3. Vineyards had a huge economic impact on Israel and _____.
4. Jesus made it clear that He is "_____ " not Israel. His Father is the gardener who had intended for Israel to be a blessing and tell the world about Yahweh, but Israel _____. God sent **Jesus** to _____ as the vine. ***The Disciples were the branches.*** v.1
5. His Father, the Gardener, would do everything to His spiritual vineyard that a normal gardener would do to a physical vineyard to make the branches _____. The verb **airo** translated as "cuts off" can also mean "_____." v.2
6. Jesus assured the Eleven that they were "_____ " (pruned) because of what He had taught them. v.3
7. Knowing that He was the _____ of life and energy, Jesus commanded the Disciples to _____ in him. Their purpose was to _____. The only way that could be accomplished was by remaining **closely connected** to Him. Jesus made it clear that it was a _____ they would have to make to be fruitful. vv.4-5

8. **Verse 6 is hard to interpret.** Believers who do not bear fruit are **like** branches which are no longer connected to the vine. They are _____. V.6

9. When believers are continuously nourished by being connected to Jesus, they begin to take on His _____, and the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) is evident in their lives. Even their _____ reflect it. "When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great _____. " vv.7-8

10. Jesus told the Disciples to "**remain** in His love," striving to be _____. He reassured them by saying, "I have told you this so that _____ may be in you and that _____. " vv. 9-11

Pearls of Wisdom:



"Abiding [remaining] in Jesus means _____ through prayer and Scripture, allowing His life to flow through us and produce _____. " (Bible Hub)



Pruning might sound painful, but it is _____ for growth ... God, as the master gardener, removes what hinders our spiritual progress. Embrace His pruning, knowing it leads to a _____. " (Bible Hub)



"It's a _____ to stay connected [to remain/abide], ensuring that His presence influences every aspect of our lives." (Bible Hub)

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