

# 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)

## HOMework

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