

SERIES: THE TRUE LIGHT**The Truth About Christian
Fruitfulness****John 15:1-8****1. The "True Vine" = Jesus****John 15:1**

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser."

The vine represented the **promise** of God to Israel

Joshua 24:13

Numbers 13:27

The vine pointed to the **place** of Israel in the Messiah's kingdom

Zechariah 3:10

The vine showed the **prosperity** of Israel

Luke 21:5-6

Jesus is the "True Vine" because:

He is the **Promised One** (2 Corinthians 1:20)

He gives us our **Place** in the millennial Kingdom (2 Tim. 2:12)

We have complete **Prosperity** in Him (Matthew 6:20)

Jeremiah 2:21

"Yet I had planted you a noble vine, a seed of highest quality. How then have you turned before Me Into the degenerate plant of an alien vine?"

2. The Vinedresser = God the Father**John 15:1-2**

¹ "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."

Proverbs 6:16-19

¹⁶ These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: ¹⁷ a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, ¹⁹ a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren.

Proverbs 3:11-12

¹¹ My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor detest His correction; ¹² for whom the Lord loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights.

Jeremiah 19:15 - 20:2

¹⁵ "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will bring on this city and on all her towns all the doom that I have pronounced against it, because they have stiffened their necks that they might not hear My words.'"

20:1 Now Pashhur the son of Immer, the priest who was also chief governor in the house of the Lord, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things. ² Then Pashhur struck Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the Lord.

3. The Branches = 11 disciples, and every other Christian who becomes a disciple of Jesus

John 15:5

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

Fruit = Pleasing God in everything

- I. The fruit of **repentance** (Matthew 3:8)
- II. The fruit of **Salvation** (Mark 4:20)
- III. The fruit of **the Spirit** (Galatians 5:22-23)
- IV. The fruit of **good works** (Colossians 1:9-10)
- V. The fruit of **the Womb** (Psalm 127:3)

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