

Sermon: Useful or Useless

Bible Verses: John 15:1-8

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Throughout the Old Testament _____ was referred to as the vine.

When we've heard the word spoken to us, and put our faith in Christ, we are _____ and have been made guiltless and pure. When we stay connected to Jesus, he continues to _____, or _____, so that we will be ready to produce more fruit in our lives

Remaining in Christ is more than just _____. The idea with "remaining" or "abiding" is that it's _____ with Christ.

It is when we choose to _____ our lives from this continual living (abiding) with Christ that we lose the ability to _____ in accordance with what God desires.

When we remain in Christ, we have _____ in him because we know that we can _____ Him.

_____ is a byproduct of staying connected to the vine. Being connected to the vine means that Christ's _____ are flowing through us and that leads to fruitfulness.

How do we Remain in Christ?

(A) Be _____ about _____ to God throughout the day! _____ about Him. _____ and ask for what you need. _____ Him.

_____ are designed to help lead us into a place where we can experience God and through which he can continue to _____ our lives so that we might bear more fruit.

(B) Spend time _____ other believers and being _____ throughout the week.

It's _____ for us to regularly have times of _____ with God and with other believers.

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The Inward Disciplines

Meditation
Prayer
Fasting
Study

The Outward Disciplines

Simplicity
Solitude
Submission
Service

The Corporate Disciplines

Confession
Worship
Guidance
Celebration

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- When in your life have you felt useless? What emotions did it stir up in you?
- When in your life have you felt useful and valuable? What emotions did it stir up in you?
- When looking at the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), which do you feel the most room for growth?
- What's one way that you currently connect with God? Why do you feel it works well for you?
- What is one new discipline that you might enjoy testing out in your daily life?
- After reflecting on God's Word, How would you honestly rate yourself at "Remaining in Christ?" (keeping Christ in the forefront of our minds and lives)