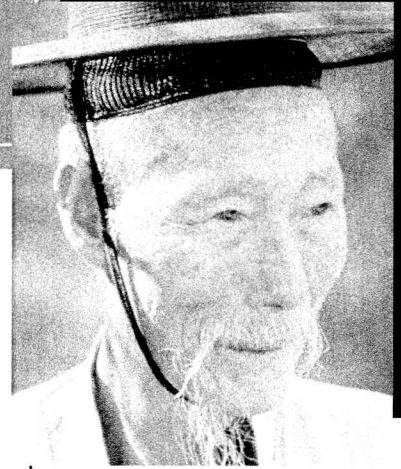


LESSON 19



Chapter 15:1-8

¹Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every *branch* of mine that does not *produce fruit*. He also trims every branch that produces fruit to prepare it to produce even more. ³You have already been prepared to produce more fruit by the teaching I have given you. ⁴Stay joined to me and I will stay joined to you. No branch can produce fruit alone. It must stay connected to the vine. It is the same with you. You cannot produce fruit alone. You must stay joined to me.

⁵"I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me and I to you, you will produce plenty of fruit. But separated from me you won't be able to do anything. ⁶If you don't stay joined to me, you will be like a branch that has been thrown out and has dried up. All the dead branches like that are gathered up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷Stay joined together with me, and follow my teachings. If you do this, you can ask for anything you want, and it will be given to you. ⁸I want you to produce much fruit and show that you are my followers. This will bring glory to my Father."

NEW WORDS?

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| gardener | branch |
| trims | joined |

LET'S PRACTICE!

In this story, who is the Gardener? Vine? Branches?

What happens to the branches that do not make fruit? That do make fruit?

How does a person make fruit?

What does it mean for people to "stay joined" to the vine (Jesus)?

Why should a person want to make much fruit?