



'My Leader'

⁴“Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.”

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.” ~ John 15:4-7

“This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” ~ John 15:8

The task of a branch is to **abide in the vine**.

The test of a branch is to **bear fruit**.

“By their fruit you will know them...” ~ Matthew 7:16

“Thus, by their fruit you will know them.” ~ Matthew 7: 20

Fruit does not **lie**.

How do we abide in Jesus?

1. Decide that abiding in Jesus is your **number one priority in life**.

2. A healthy branch must be **pruned**.

“He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.” ~ John 15:2

“Abide” is a **slow word**.

3. Be fed **by the words** of Jesus.

“See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.” ~ 1 John 2:24

What water and nutrients are to a branch, **words** are to the **Spirit**.