

I am the True Vine John 15:1

What should this vine imagery remind us of in the OT?

Jer. 2:21, Hos. 10:1,2, Isa. 5:1,2, Ps. 80:9-16. How well did they do?

What appears to be the main point Jesus is making?

Note *abide* = 7x in 15:1-8 and *fruit* = 6x, plus 15:16 (*much fruit* in 2, 5, 8). Our fruit-bearing purpose: 4:36, 15:16, Mk. 4:20, Rom. 7:4, Col. 1:10.

What is the fruit that we are supposed to mass produce?

17:20, Gal. 5:22, Eph. 5:9, Heb. 12:11, Phil. 1:22ff., Rom. 1:13.

What exactly does it mean to abide in Jesus?

Abide is commanded for believers here, 13:30. *Abide* = remain/stay together (1:39, 14:10). Obedience is a key factor, 15:9,10, 1 Jn. 3:24.

What happens if we abide and bear fruit? And if we don't?

Contrast 15:6 with 15:7-11. Fire is common imagery for judgment.

Note context and Isa. 9:19, Ezek. 15:6-8, 1 Cor. 3:11-15, Rev. 3:16,19

