

“Remaining Means to be Involved”

Luke 6:46 (ESV)

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?

John 14:15 (MSG)

If you love me, show it by doing what I've told you.

How much of your time belongs to God? **All of it!**

How much of your talent belongs to God? **All of it!**

How much of your treasure belongs to God? **All of it!**

Matthew 6:21

“For where a man’s treasure is, there will his heart be also.”

He is the CREATOR, we are His CREATURES.

He is the FATHER, we are His CHILDREN.

He is the KING, we are His SUBJECTS.

He is the SHEPHERD, we are His SHEEP.

He is the BUILDER, we are the BUILDING.

Jesus is the **VINE**.

God is the **GARDENER**.

The fruit-bearing branches are the **11 true disciples**.

The fruitless branches represent **Judas**.

John 15:1-10 (NIV1984)

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 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.

You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 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.

“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. If 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. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love.”

John 10:28-29 (NIV1984)

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.

John 6:37 (NIV1984)

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

John 13:6-8 (NIV1984)

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”

“Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!” Jesus answered, “A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

What did JESUS SAY?

There would be **TARES** among the **WHEAT**. (Matthew 13:25-30)

There would be **USELESS SERVANTS** who bury their master’s talent in the ground. (Matthew 25:24-30)

There would be **GOOD FISH** and **BAD FISH** that were thrown away.
(Matthew 13:47-50)

There would be **APOSTATES** who eventually leave the fellowship of believers.
(1 John 2:19)

There would be **WISE** and **FOOLISH** virgins and the foolish ones would miss out when the Bridegroom returned. (Matthew 25:1-3)

There would be **SHEEP** and **GOATS**. (Matthew 25:33,41-46)

Matthew 25:31-33 (NIV1984)

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Verse 44

“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

John 15:5

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.

God initiates **REDEMPTION**.

John 6:44 (NIV1984)

⁴⁴ “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.....

The entire work of **EVANGELISM** is entirely the work of the Holy Spirit.

You initiate **INVOLVEMENT** (REMAINING).

Ephesians 5:17-18 (NIV1984)

¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

If we remain we can count on:

Being **PRUNED** (vs 2)

Being **PRODUCTIVE** (vs 3-5)

Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV1984)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Fruit of Lips that Praise His Name

Hebrews 13:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Fruit of Giving

Philippians 4:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.

Fruit of Holy Living

Matthew 3:8 (NIV1984)

⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

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Philippians 1:11 (NIV1984)

¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Fruit of Everything You Do

Colossians 1:10 (NIV1984)

¹⁰ And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

Fruit of Soul Winning

Proverbs 11:30 (NIV1984)

³⁰ The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
and he who wins souls is wise.

If we remain we can count on:

Being **PRUNED** (vs 2)

Being **PRODUCTIVE** (vs 3-5)

Being **POWERFUL** (vs 7-8)

Being **PURPOSEFUL** (vs 8)

If we DON'T remain we can count on:

Being **cut off** (vs 2)

Being **fruitless** (vs 4)

Being **burned** (vs 6)

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John 15:9-10

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