

I am the true vine

The Words of Jesus – According to John

John 15:1-17 ESV

The Vine, the Vinedresser, and the Branches

John 15:1, 5

The vine = Jesus

The vine dresser = God

The branches = us

Oversight, Sacrifice, and Communion – What God does

- Oversight by the Father – disciplining and punishing

John 15:1-2, Proverbs 3:11-12, John 15:6

- Sacrifice by the Son – laying down his life

John 15:13

- Communion by the Holy Spirit – abiding in us

John 15:4-5, John 14:16-17, John 14:28-29

Abiding – What we do

- Abide – to remain, to continue, to endure

John 15:4

- We Abide in **Love** – demonstrated in our obedience to God, and our sacrifice to others

John 15:10

- 2 ways to obey - The Word and prayer – [John 15:7](#)

John 15:12

Fruit

John 15:6

- The **fruit** is the *product* of **faithfulness** in the *process*.

Conclusion

- Two themes in John –
(1) the relationship between God and the Word (Jesus)
John 15:8
(2) the possibility of a close relationship between God and human beings.
John 15:14-16

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[I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD . . .](#)

[I AM THE DOOR . . .](#)

[I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD . . .](#)

[I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE . . .](#)

[I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE . . .](#)

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