

*"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. John 15:5 (NIV)*

## Vitally Connected

I know what it is like to be disconnected from you. **How so?** I have a lot of experience living a life that is not vitally connected to you. **Tell me about your experience.** I have run myself ragged trying to accomplish great things. I have come up with some really good ideas. **Who says?** Me. **What has been the outcome of your really good ideas?** Not much. I have worked myself weary trying to do something that would accomplish something great. In the face of defeats and setbacks I have just run faster and worked harder. **It sounds like you have really wanted to make a name for yourself.** Yes, I suppose so. **You suppose so?** Well, I know so. **That's more like it. That's not good.** I know.

**I will tell you a little secret.** What's that? **I think some of your ideas have been really good.** You do? **Yes, I do.** Why is that? **Why do you think?** I'm guessing that some of my really good ideas have come from you. **That's close.** Maybe, I should have said all of my really good ideas have come from you. **Why is that?** Everything I have, everything I am and everything I will be that is any good has come from you. **That's true. That's a good realization on your part. How will keeping that thought forefront in your mind help you?** I humbly give thanks to you for all that you have given to me. **That's good. You will never suffer by having more humility.** I agree. **That's also good.**

I do have a question. **Go ahead, I'm listening.** Why have I not been successful implementing good ideas that have come from you? **You tell me.** I thought you would say that. **You do know the answer.** Yes, I do. I have gotten a good idea and raced off to implement them. I have not considered your timing. I have not relied on you. I have not remained vitally connected to you. I have not asked for your help. I have come to a realization. **What's that?** Apart from you I can do nothing. Apart from you I can't accomplish your purposes or fulfill your plans. A good idea, even one that comes from you, will never bear fruit unless I remain vitally connected to you. **That's true.** I need your help to be able to know and do your will. I need your power and strength to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. **Yes, you do. Will you remain vitally connected to me? Will you rely on me for all that you need? Will you ask for my help?** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, I don't want to get caught up in the busyness of life. I don't want to fruitlessly chase after what is unimportant. I want to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name by being vitally connected to you. I will remain in you as you remain in me. Amen*

**Life In Christ***The Vine*

"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.

NIV

John 15:5

**Life In Christ***The Vine*

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

ESV

John 15:5

**Life In Christ***The Vine*

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

NLT

John 15:5

**Life In Christ***The Vine*

I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

NKJV

John 15:5

**Life In Christ***The Vine*

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

NRSV

John 15:5

**Life In Christ***The Vine*

"I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing.

MSG

John 15:5

**Life In Christ***The Vine*

I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing.

AMP

John 15:5

**Life In Christ***The Vine*

"Yes, I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in me and I in him shall produce a large crop of fruit. For apart from me you can't do a thing.

TLB

John 15:5

**Life In Christ***The Vine*

"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

NASB

John 15:5

**Life In Christ***The Vine*

"I am the vine, and you are the branches. If any remain in me and I remain in them, they produce much fruit. But without me they can do nothing.

NCV

John 15:5



**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you remain vitally connected to Christ, so you can bear fruit for Him.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will remain vitally connected to you, so I can bear fruit for you.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I bear fruit for you today as I remain vitally connected to you?*

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