

# Jesus: The True Vine

*John 15:1-8*

**Introduction:** Of all the great references to nature in Jesus' teaching, none is more relevant to His followers than the one He gave in John 15 when He declared Himself to be the True Vine. In John 15, Jesus lays out the plan for living a fruitful life...not fruit that tastes good for a short time and then rots; but fruit that will last for eternity.

## **What are the secrets of a fruitful Christian?**

### **Three general laws of the garden**

1. Law 1: The purpose of a Christian's life is bearing fruit. (*vs. 5, 16*)
2. Law 2: A plant is recognized by its fruit. (*Luke 6:43-45*)
3. Law 3: A fruitless plant is useless. (*vs. 2, 6*)

### **Definition of Fruitfulness – What does it mean to be fruitful?**

1. *Galatians 5:22-23*
2. *Hebrews 13:15*
3. *Colossians 1:6*
4. *Colossians 1:10*

5. **Definition of fruit:** A fruitful life is a life of good deeds and pure speech that arises from Christ-like inner character and results in the spread of the gospel and the glory of God.

**How can a Christian become more fruitful?**

**Four secrets of Fruitfulness in John 15**

**Secret 1: Fruitfulness requires regular pruning (vs. 2)**

**Secret 2: Fruitfulness requires moral purity (vs. 3)**

**Secret 3: Fruitfulness requires power (vs. 4, 5)**

**Secret 4: Fruitfulness results in answered prayer (vs. 7)**

**Conclusion:** Just small potatoes?