



The True Vine John 15:1-17

Abiding: The intentional, focused and undistracted pursuit of spending time with Jesus and his Word.

Five Characteristics of Fruit

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Luke 6:43-44 NKJV

2. Fruit is always _____.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."
Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV

3. Fruit always exists for the benefit of _____.
Fruit that isn't used gets rotten.

"If anyone does not abide in me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into a fire, and they are burned."
John 15:6 NKJV

4. God prunes us to _____ us and _____ us.

"Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away; and every branch that bears fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken unto you."
John 15:2-3 NKJV

5. We were created to love _____.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are my friends if you do whatever I command you."
John 15:12-14 NKJV

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