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Buy From Me Gold (Part 6):

Abide In The Vine

John 15:1-11 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. **2** Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. **3** Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. **5** 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. **6** If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. **9** As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. **10** If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. **11** These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

- Vine
- Vinedresser
- Branch
- Fruit
- Pruning
- Abide

The Vine is Jesus

What is the purpose of planting a vine? **FRUIT**
Everything connected to the Vine will produce.

The Vinedresser is God the Father

The first rule of gardening is proper pruning. Nutrients need to be dedicated to the fruit and by pruning you direct resources to the fruit. We the believers are the branches. We are His representatives here on this earth.

When Jesus is speaking about fruit He's talking primarily about 4 things:

1. Our spiritual production (Fruit of the Spirit)
2. Reproduction of souls
3. Acts of righteousness for the kingdom
4. A transformed life

Pruning

1. Get rid of the unnecessary
2. Get rid of the dead
3. Get rid of excess

Abide (in Jesus)

1. Remain in
2. Continue in
3. Stay joined to
4. Live in