
John chapter 15 verses 1 – 17

Abiding/Remaining in Christ

Remain united/Stay close to

**“I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener.
2 He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. 3 You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you.
4 Remain/Abide in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.
5 “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain/abide in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Anyone who does not remain/abide in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. 7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! 8 When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.**

9 “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain/Abide in my love. 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain/abide in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain/abide in his love. 11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! 12 This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. 13 There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn’t confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. 16 You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

Devotional or Spiritual Pathways

Different pathways to feel a closeness & connection with God and to be energised in our discipleship.

- 1. Relational**
- 2. Intellectual**
- 3. Serving**
- 4. Contemplative**
- 5. Activist**
- 6. Creation**
- 7. Worship – Creative or Arts**

SOME KEYS:

- 1. These are not the only possible pathways and a person may have more than one.**
- 2. Explore your own primary pathways. If you're not sure, experiment with the most likely.**
- 3. Don't envy the pathways of others. Try to understand them and learn from them.**

SOME KEYS:

- 4. Help others discover their pathways. Don't think that yours is the best or only pathway.**
- 5. Use your pathway to abide well, as a vehicle for whole of-life worship and access to God's power.**
- 6. It is still important to spend intentional time with God, the read His Word & listen to His voice.**

In groups of three or four:

- 1. Name a famous Christian or a person you know who fits each pathway.**
- 2. Identify two pathways with apply to you.**
- 3. When your connection with Jesus becomes weaker, what can you do to strengthen it again within your pathway?**
- 4. Pray for one another about something that would help the other abide in Christ better.**