# THE INDISPENSABLE CONDITION TO FRUIT BEARING

## JOHN 15:4-11

1. **THIS INDISPENSABLE CONDITION IS COMMANDED (15:4a)**
   1. The Command Implies That There Is Already A Connection To This Vine
   2. The Command Implies That Vital Connection Might Somehow Be Disrupted
   3. The Command Removes "Abiding" From The Category Of That Which Is Optional
   4. The Command Assigns Both Aspects Of Abiding As Our Responsibility
2. **THE LORD REASONS WITH US ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF THIS KIND OF ABIDING (15:4b-6)**
   1. Argument #1: Self Productivity Is Impossible (15:4)
   2. Argument #2: Abiding Inevitably Results In Much Fruit (15:5a)
   3. Argument #3: Vinelessness Means Fruitfulness Is Impossible (15:5b)
   4. Argument #4: Failure To Abide Ends In Disaster (15:6)
      1. The Lord Cannot Be Describing People Who Are Unattached In Every Respect
      2. The Lord Cannot Be Describing People Who Are Vitally Attached
      3. The Lord Is Describing People Who Gave The Appearance Of Attachment But Who Were Never Really Attached (I John 2:19)
3. **THE LORD TRANSITIONS INTO AN EXPLANATION OF THE PROCESS BY WHICH TRUE BRANCHES DO PRODUCE FRUIT (15:7-11)**
   1. Hearing, Assimilating And Obeying The Specific Words Of Christ (15:7a)
   2. Praying Scripturally Informed Prayers (15:7b)
   3. The Vine Dresser Is Magnified While Genuine Branches Prove Themselves To Be Disciples (15:8)
   4. Enjoying A Love Relationship With Christ (15:9-10)
   5. Fullness Of Joy (15:11)