

THE INDISPENSABLE CONDITION TO FRUIT BEARING JOHN 15:4-11

I. THIS INDISPENSABLE CONDITION IS COMMANDED (15:4a)

- A. The Command Implies That There Is Already A Connection To This Vine
- B. The Command Implies That Vital Connection Might Somehow Be Disrupted
- C. The Command Removes "Abiding" From The Category Of That Which Is Optional
- D. The Command Assigns Both Aspects Of Abiding As Our Responsibility

II. THE LORD REASONS WITH US ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF THIS KIND OF ABIDING (15:4b-6)

- A. Argument #1: Self Productivity Is Impossible (15:4)
- B. Argument #2: Abiding Inevitably Results In Much Fruit (15:5a)
- C. Argument #3: Vinelessness Means Fruitfulness Is Impossible (15:5b)
- D. 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)

III. THE LORD TRANSITIONS INTO AN EXPLANATION OF THE PROCESS BY WHICH TRUE BRANCHES DO PRODUCE FRUIT (15:7-11)

- A. Hearing, Assimilating And Obeying The Specific Words Of Christ (15:7a)
- B. Praying Scripturally Informed Prayers (15:7b)
- C. The Vine Dresser Is Magnified While Genuine Branches Prove Themselves To Be Disciples (15:8)
- D. Enjoying A Love Relationship With Christ (15:9-10)
- E. Fullness Of Joy (15:11)