

Our Power Source

I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away. And every one that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bring forth more fruit. Now you are clean through the Word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered. And they gather and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done to you. In this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, so you shall be My disciples. (John 15:1-8 MKJV)

 Have you ever forgotten the power cord to your laptop when you were away from home? It always seems like that's when you need it the most. The battery is gone and you're not nearly finished with your project. You have a valuable tool that works fine, but it's useless to you because you can't plug it into a power source. Don't you think that sometimes God feels that way about us? We have talent, skills, knowledge, even faith, yet without power, we're useless. Our internal batteries work for a while, but like the computer, we must have an external power supply. As the True Vine, Jesus gives us the power to serve. John shows us a wonderful illustration of a Christian's relationship with the Source of real life and everlasting hope. The world tells us that there are many paths to God. All religions offer some form of eternal promise. However, there is only one True Vine. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but by Me" (John 14:6 MKJV). To abide in Christ is simply to stay plugged into the Root of all life. If you cut a branch off a vine, it will soon shrivel and die. There is no life in the branch. As beautiful as a rose is, there's a sadness about it when it begins to die. Even when you put it into a vase with water, it doesn't last long separated from the bush.

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