

Strolling the Vineyard

Week 3: Blue Ribbon Fruit

8-21-22

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, / while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:1-5 (NIV)

1. _____ kinds of branches.

A. Non-_____.

"Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. ¹⁶ Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy.

¹⁷ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away."

Mark 4:15-17 (NIV)

B. _____ branches.

"Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; ¹⁹ but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²⁰ Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown."

Mark 4:18-20 (NIV)

2. Pruning for the _____ fruit.

"Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit."

John 15:5a (NLT)

"...produce a crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown."

Mark 4:20b (NIV)

A. _____.

* L _____.

* T _____ to turn away.

- Resistance to this is _____.

B. Why: The value of _____ fruit.

* Fruit stores _____ for growth.

"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

2 Peter 1:5-8 (NIV)

* We are _____ for fruit.

3. Pruning comes in _____.

Response.

Fruit _____

Pruning _____
