



# MESSAGE NOTES

## I Am the Vine

John 15:1-17

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***“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.” John 15:5***

### 1. Commands for our good

***John 15:10 “If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love.”***

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Because God loves us and wants what’s best for us, He gives us His commands in the Bible so that we can lead the most fruitful life possible.

### 2. Pruning for fruitfulness

***John 15:2 Every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.***

Pruning isn’t easy or comfortable, but it has a purpose. We grow most in the difficult seasons of life. Most people are more focused on what they are going through but God is more focused on who we are becoming.

### 3. Chosen and appointed

***John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.***

Nobody becomes a Christian without God first calling them and leading them in their hearts. God chose us before we chose Him. We are called to bear fruit for Him. Those He calls, He justifies and those He justifies, He glorifies.