

FRUITFULNESS  
begins with the letter

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**Abide in Me, and I in you.  
As the branch cannot bear fruit of  
itself, unless it abides in the vine,  
neither can you, unless you abide in Me.**

**John 15:4**



When Christ was on earth, the phrase  
He most often used when speaking in  
relationship to His disciples...

**were the words**

**Follow  
Me**



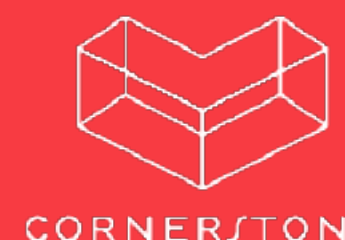
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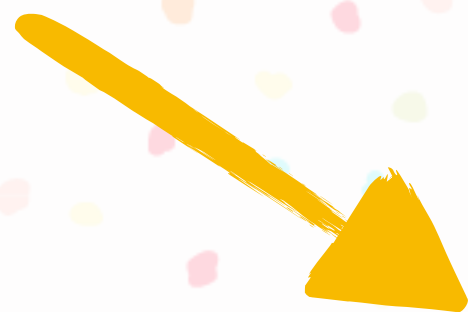
But as He approached His crucifixion, He gave them a new word to express a more intimate and spiritual union.

**That word is**

***Abide***



The key in our abiding is  
in our **DAILY ROUTINE.**



You will never change until  
you change something  
**YOU DO DAILY.**



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“The man who does not  
make time for prayer,  
never prays.”

**ANDREW MURRAY**







“If we are to better  
the future, we must  
disturb the present.”

**CATHERINE BOOTH**



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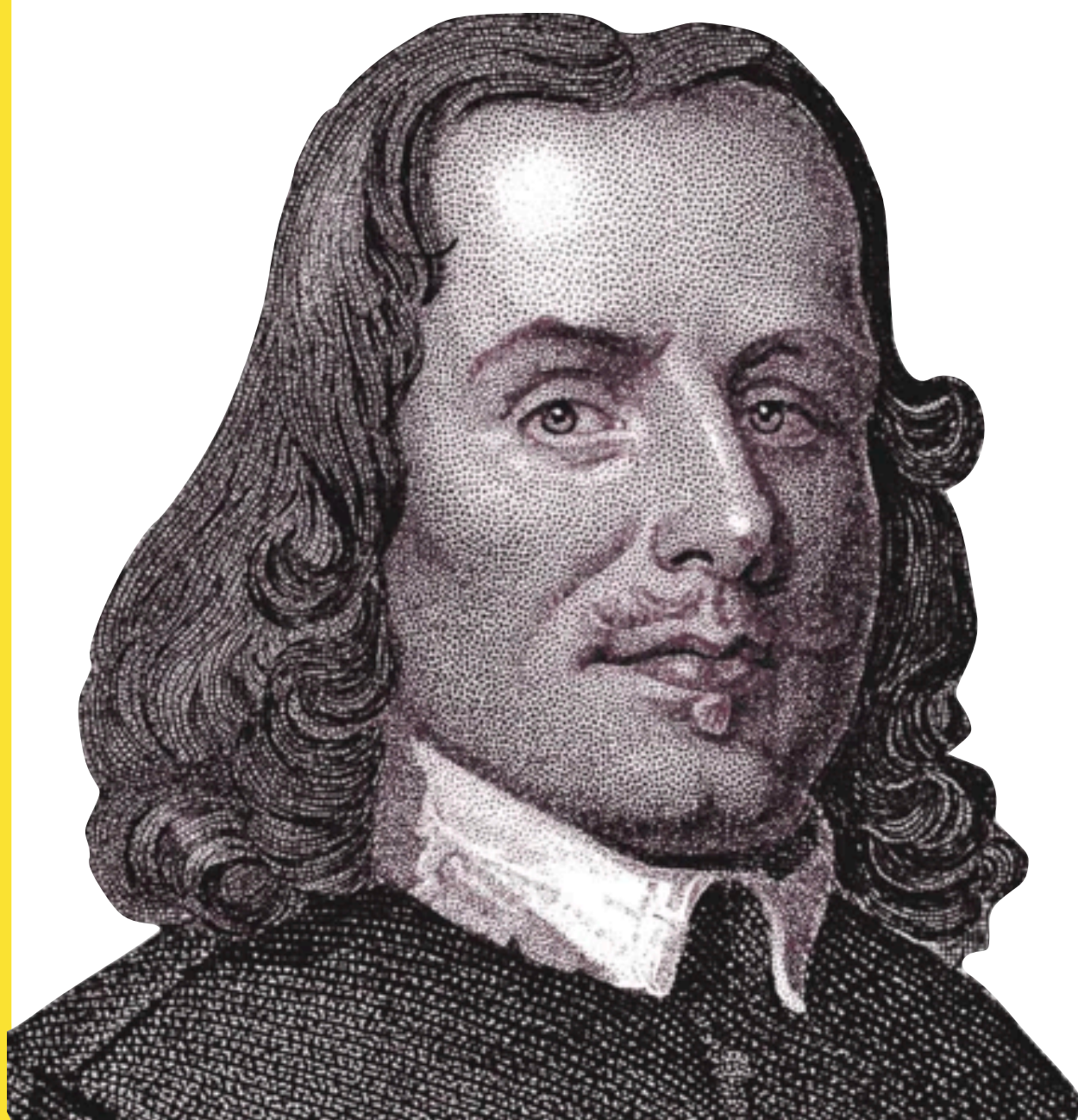
**Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.**

**Mark 1:35**



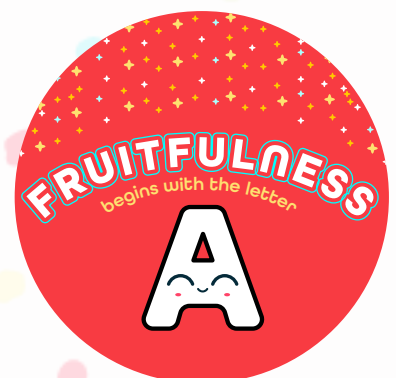
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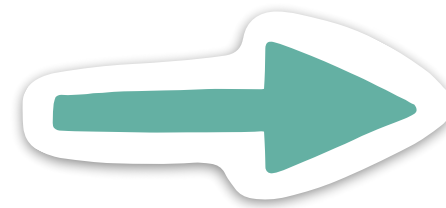


“He who runs from God  
in the morning will  
scarcely find Him the  
rest of the day.”

**JOHN BUNYAN**

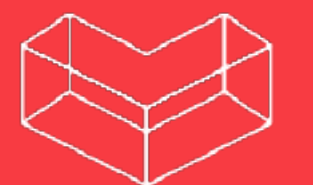


**“Abide”**  
*in Greek*



**μένω**  
*(meno)*

“To remain, to reside, to take up  
permanent residence or to make  
yourself at home.”



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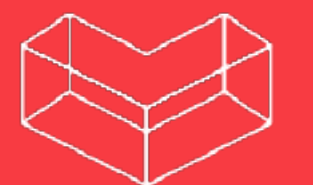
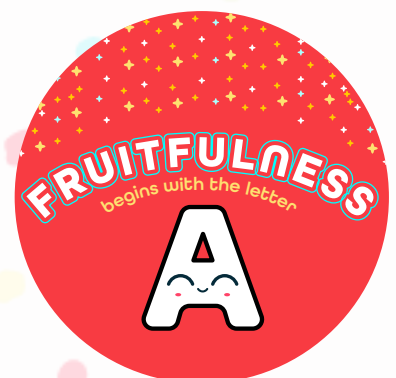


**In temperate countries,  
there are two kinds of trees...**

**DECIDUOUS**



**EVERGREEN**



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**I will no longer talk much with you,  
for the ruler of this world is  
coming, and he has nothing in Me.**

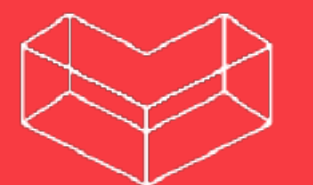
**John 14:30**



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**I am the true vine, and  
My Father is the vinedresser.**

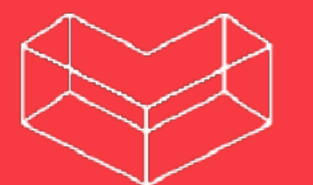
**John 15:1**



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**Every branch in Me that does not  
bear fruit He takes away; and every  
branch that bears fruit He prunes,  
that it may bear more fruit.**

**John 15:2**

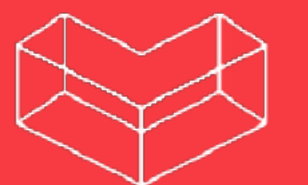


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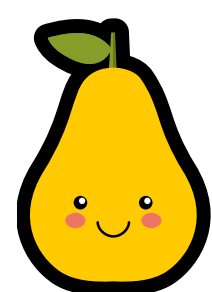


Every season of growth is  
rewarded with **pruning.**



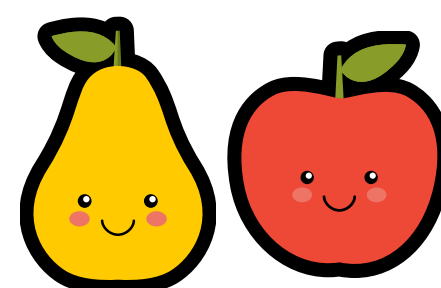
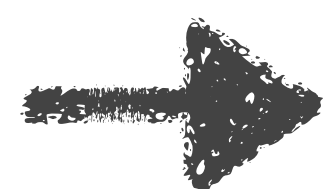
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# 3 Stages of Fruitfulness



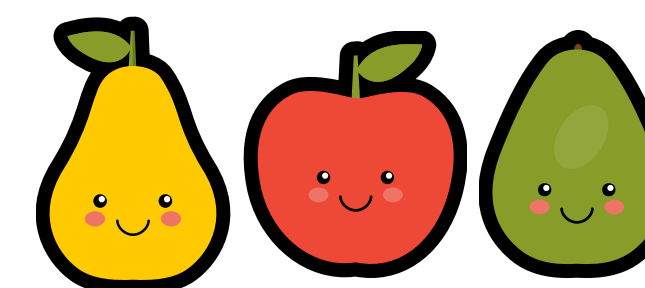
**Fruit**

*30-fold  
Christian*



**More Fruit**

*60-fold  
Christian*



**Much Fruit**

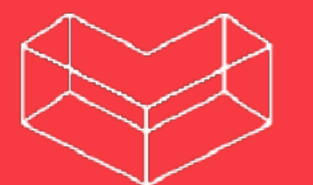
*100-fold  
Christian*



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**You are already clean because  
of the word which I have spoken  
to you.**

**John 15:3**

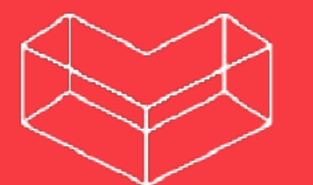


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**Abide in Me, and I in you. As the  
branch cannot bear fruit of itself,  
unless it abides in the vine, neither  
can you, unless you abide in Me.**

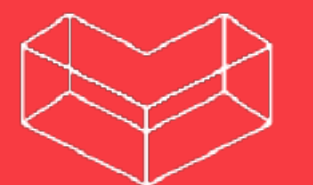
**John 15:4**



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**I am the vine, you are the  
branches. He who abides in Me,  
and I in him, bears much fruit;  
for without Me you can do nothing.**

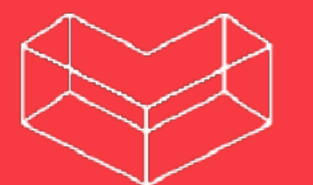
**John 15:5**



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**If anyone does not abide in Me, he is  
cast out as a branch and is withered;  
and they gather them and throw them  
into the fire, and they are burned.**

**John 15:6**

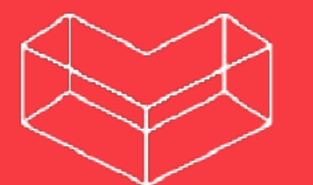


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**If you abide in Me, and My words  
abide in you, you will ask what you  
desire, and it shall be done for you.**

**John 15:7**

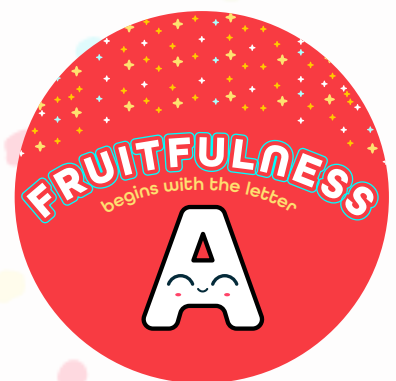


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The one question that has been  
on the lip of every great saint  
throughout history is...



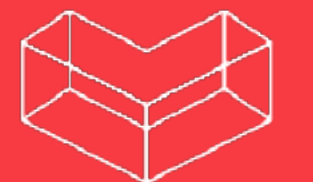
**“HOW DO I ABIDE  
IN CHRIST?”**



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**He who says he abides in Him  
ought himself also to walk just as  
He walked.**

**1 John 2:6**



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**By this My Father is glorified,  
that you bear much fruit; so you  
will be My disciples.**

**John 15:8**



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**As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.**

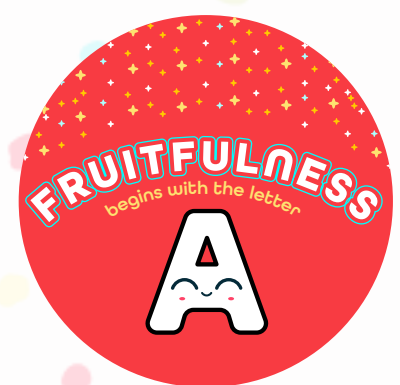
**John 15:9-10**



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**You are My friends if you do whatever  
I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you  
servants, for a servant does not know what  
his master is doing; but I have called you  
friends, for all things that I heard from My  
Father I have made known to you.**

**John 15:14-15**



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