



Life on the Vine
“Pruning Happens”
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Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away;
and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it, that it may
bear more fruit. John 15:2

1. To Fruitless Branches Jesus explains a **warning**

- No **fruit** means no **life**

- No **life** means a **perilous** end

2. To Fruitful Branches Jesus explains a **process**

- **Pruning** leads to greater **fruitfulness**

- **Pruning** is **painful**

- Pruning is motivated by **love**

- Pruning is the confirmation that we are **His children**

For your LIFEGROUP

1. Tell the group about the best garden you've ever had.
2. Can you think of a time when you sensed God's "pruning" in your life? Share a little about that with the group.
3. Read the following scriptures. What is the relationship between trials and spiritual growth?
 - 1 Thes. 3:1-4; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; James 1:12 (2-4); 1 Peter 1:6-9; 4:12-14.
4. Read Psalm 1:1-3. What leads to the fruitfulness described in verse 3?