



**Life on the Vine**  
**“Bearing Fruit for God”**  
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By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit,  
and so prove to be My disciples. John 15:8

**1. A Fruitful life is a life of prayer.**

- A promise: Ask for anything!
- A condition: Abide in Christ by treasuring His words.
- A principle: We cannot abide in Christ apart from His words abiding in us. The more we know His words, the more we'll know how to pray.

**2. A Fruitful life is a life of love.**

- A promise: I love you!
- A condition: Obey my commands.
- A principle: We cannot abide in Christ apart from obeying His commands. The greater our obedience to His words, the greater our capacity to love.

For your LIFEGROUP:

1. Share an answer to prayer God has given to you.
2. How does Psalm 37:4 parallel John 15:7? (How does the psalmist describe “abiding”? What does that really mean?)
3. Read John 15:13. Rephrase this in your own words.
4. Now read 1 John 3:16-18. What are the implications of abiding in His love?
5. In John 15: 14 & 15, Jesus calls us friends. What does friendship with Jesus imply? Require?