

## ABIDING (John 15) – Lesson 3

### EXCITING OR MUNDANE EXISTANCE, MY CHOICE

(Jn. 15:2) “Every branch in me that does not bear fruit He takes away....”

In Greek, it’s “\_\_\_\_\_” or “\_\_\_\_\_”.  
Never cut off or separate.

No Fruit → God intervenes with discipline. (He comes and lifts us up.)

HIS PURPOSE = To cleanse and free us of sin so we can live a more abundant life.

Turn to: (Heb. 12:5,6)

### THREE IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God is the source of discipline.
2. He disciplines \_\_\_\_\_ children.
3. Acts out of \_\_\_\_\_.

(Heb. 12:10) God’s discipline is for my \_\_\_\_\_.  
Intended to nudge us toward a life we desire but can’t reach on our own.

- God’s discipline doesn’t have to continue. It’s up to me!
- When the vinedresser tends to our dirty branches, He has \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in mind, not misery.

### EVADING NEEDLESS AND EXTENDED DISCIPLINE

- Being disciplined?? God wants you to get more out of it than you do. (Heb. 12:8)  
(Heb. 12:5,6&10) <sup>5</sup>“And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons?”

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by Him. <sup>6</sup>For the Lord disciplines the one He loves and chastises every son whom He receives.”  
<sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness.”

**PRINCIPLE = No fruit brings discipline**