

ABIDING (John 15) – Lesson 5

MORE FRUIT (Cont)

Main thought – The growers prune the vineyard more intently as the vine ages, because the vine's ability to produce growth increases each year. Without intense pruning the plant weakens and its crop diminishes.

What God does to take us to the fuller basket:

- _____ Pruning (Activities & Priorities)
- _____ Pruning (Values and Personal Identity)

(James 1:3&4) "...the testing of your faith produces _____."

Vinedresser's Goal = Conform us to the image of _____. (Ps.66:10-12)

- A test of faith doesn't really test anything unless it pushes you past your _____!
- Four things to remember when you feel your faith is being pressed to the limit:
 1. God doesn't apply pain when a more pleasant method would do.
 2. Not every painful experience is the result of pruning.
 3. Pain of pruning comes now – fruit later.
 4. Duration, breadth, and depth of the pruning season will vary.
- The end of pruning results in _____ and expanded ministry.

(1 Sam. 25; Ps. 54, 57, 63) David in pruning season. God preparing him to be the best King Israel ever had.

Where is the vinedresser shaping, directing, and strengthening you for a season of abundance?

Lord, let me make a difference for you today that is utterly disproportionate to who I am.