



John 15:1-8 NIV

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.



John 15:1 AT

I am the Vine – the True [Vine] – and my
Father is the Vinedresser.



Exodus 3:13-15 NIV

13 Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

14 God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM.** This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘**I AM** has sent me to you.’ ”

15 God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘**The LORD [YHWH]**, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“This is my **name** forever,
the **name** you shall call me
from generation to generation.



John 8:56-59a NIV

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”

57 “You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!”

58 “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “**before Abraham was born, I am!**” 59 At this, they picked up stones to **stone him,**



John 10:33 NIV

“We are not stoning you for any good work,” they replied, **“but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.”**



Isaiah 5:1-4 NIV

1 I will sing for the one I love a song about his **vineyard**: My loved one had a **vineyard** on a fertile hillside. 2 He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the **choicest vines**. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it **yielded only bad fruit**. 3 “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and **my vineyard**. 4 What more could have been done for **my vineyard** than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it **yield only bad**?”



Isaiah 5:5-7 NIV

5 Now I will tell you what I am going to do to **my vineyard**: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. 6 I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.” 7 The **vineyard** of the LORD Almighty is **the nation of Israel**, and the **people of Judah** are the **vines** he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.



Jeremiah 2:21 NIV

I had planted you like a **choice vine** of sound and reliable stock. How then did you turn against me into a **corrupt, wild vine**?



John 15:2 AT

Every branch in Me that does not produce fruit He takes away. And every [branch] that does produce fruit, He prunes to clean so that it will produce more.



Fruitful, Loving Obedience

“If you **love me, keep my commands.** (Jn 14:15, NIV)

23 Jesus replied, “Anyone who **loves me will obey my teaching.** My Father will love them, and we will come to them and **make our home** [μένω | *menō*] with them. 24 Anyone who **does not love me will not obey my teaching.** These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. (Jn 14:23-24, NIV)

If you **keep my commands,** you will **remain in my love,** just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. (Jn 15:10, NIV)

In fact, this is **love for God: to keep his commands.** And his commands are not burdensome (1 Jn 5:3, NIV)



John 15:3 AT

Already, you are clean on account of the word I have spoken to you.



John 15:4 AT

Remain in Me and I [will] in you. Just as the branch is unable to produce fruit by itself if it does not remain in the vine, in the same way, neither [are] you if you do not remain in Me.



Mutual Indwelling

The Word became flesh and **made his dwelling among us**. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (Jn 1:14, NIV)

17 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 **the Spirit of truth**. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he **lives with you** [*μένω* | *menō*] and will be **in** you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. (Jn 14:16-18, NIV)



Mutual Indwelling

Don't you know that **you yourselves are God's temple** and that God's Spirit **dwells** in your midst? (1 Cor 3:16, NIV)

19 Do you not know that **your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit**, who is **in** you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. (1 Cor 6:19-20, NIV)

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, “If you **remain** [μένω | *menō*] in my word, truly you are my disciples. (Jn 8:31, AT)



John 15:5 AT

I am the Vine, you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in them, this person produces much fruit because without me you are unable to do anything.



John 15:6 AT

If anyone does not remain in Me, they are thrown outside like a branch and are dried up. And [people] gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned up.



God's Just Judgment

If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, **cut it off** and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into **eternal fire**. (Mt 18:8, NIV)

Whoever **believes** in him is **not condemned**, but whoever does **not believe** stands **condemned already** because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. (Jn 3:18, NIV)

They went out from us, but they **did not really belong to us**. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their **going showed that none of them belonged** to us. (1 Jn 2:19)



John 15:7 AT

If you remain in Me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you desire, and it will be done for you.



Confidence in Prayer

If anyone turns a deaf ear to my instruction, even their **prayers are detestable**. (Pr 28:9, NIV)

The LORD is **far** from the **wicked**, but he **hears** the prayer of the **righteous**. (Pr 15:29, NIV)

13 And I will do whatever you ask **in my name**, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything **in my name**, and I will do it. (Jn 14:13-14, NIV)



John 15:8 AT

In this, my Father is glorified: that you may bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.