

PRAYER

CORNER

*“If you abide in me
and my words abide in you,
you shall ask what you will,
and it shall be done.
In this is my Father glorified
that you bear much fruit.”*

John 15:7-8



In the first ten verses of John 15, Jesus is teaching that He is the Vine and we are the branches, and in many of these verses, Jesus uses the word, “abide” in relation to Himself. I’ve enjoyed this teaching because it makes clear our significant need of Jesus Christ in our lives.

Words given in the thesaurus for abide are, “to comply with, obey, observe, follow, keep to, hold to, conform to, adhere to, stick to, stand by, act in accordance with, uphold, heed, accept, go along with, acknowledge, respect, defer to.” Jesus says in verse 5 of this chapter,

*“I am the Vine, you are the branches.
Whoever abides (lives) in me
and I in him bears much fruit.
Apart from Me you can do nothing.”*

That is referenced in Ephesians 2:10, that says,

*“We are His handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

So let this prayer be your own - ask the Lord to open your heart to His way so that you may draw all that you need from the True Vine, remembering that you are the branch attached to Him. Pray for your willingness to read His Word and to do what He says. He wants us to learn this so that we may become His disciple and gain the fullness of His joy in our lives.

*“Attachment to Christ
is the only secret of detachment from the world.”*

(A. J. Gordon)

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