

## Jesus Is the Vine – Followers Are Branches (John 15: 1-11)

Comparisons	Unfruitful Branches	Fruitful Branches
<b>Not bearing</b> fruit vs <b>Bearing</b> fruit (v.2)	<b>Do not</b> bear fruit (v.2)	<b>Do</b> bear fruit (v.2)
<b>Takes Away</b> vs <b>Prunes</b> (v.2)	God The Father (The Vinedresser) <b>takes away</b> from the Vine ["Suckers"*] (v.2)	God The Father (The Vinedresser) <b>prunes</b> [Saints] (v.2)
<b>Takes Away</b> vs <b>Prunes</b> – with Strong's (v.2)	<p><b>Takes Away:</b> <i>airō</i> (ī'-rō)</p> <p><b>Outline of Biblical Usage:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. to raise up, elevate, lift up                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. to raise from the ground, take up: stones</li> <li>B. to raise upwards, elevate, lift up: the hand</li> <li>C. to draw up: a fish</li> </ul> </li> <li>II. to take upon one's self and carry what has been raised up, to bear</li> <li>III. to bear away what has been raised, carry off                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. to move from its place</li> <li>B. to take off or away what is attached to anything</li> <li>C. to remove</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Prunes:</b> <i>kathairō</i> (kā-thī'-rō)</p> <p><b>Outline of Biblical Usage:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. to cleanse, of filth or impurity, etc.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. to prune trees and vines from useless shoots</li> <li>B. metaph. from guilt, to expiate</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>D. to carry off, carry away with one</p> <p>E. to appropriate what is taken</p> <p>F. to take away from another what is his or what is committed to him, to take by force</p> <p>G. to take and apply to any use</p> <p>H. to take from among the living, either by a natural death, or by violence</p> <p>I. cause to cease</p>	
<p><b><i>Thrown Away vs Pruning – with Strong’s (vv.6,2)</i></b></p>	<p>God The Father (The Vinedresser) <b><i>throws away</i></b> as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned (v.6)</p> <p><b><i>Throws: ballō (bā'l-lō)</i></b>  <b>Outline of Biblical Usage:</b></p> <p>I. to throw or let go of a thing without caring where it falls</p> <p>A. to scatter, to throw, cast into</p> <p>B. to give over to one's care uncertain about the result</p> <p>C. of fluids</p>	<p>God The Father (The Vinedresser) <b><i>prunes</i></b> fruit-bearing branches so that they may bear more fruit and they remain/abide/stay in the True Vine (v.2)</p>

	<p>i. to pour, pour into of rivers</p> <p>ii. to pour out</p> <p>II. to put into, insert</p> <p><b>Away:</b> <i>exō</i> (e'ks-ō)</p> <p><b>Outline of Biblical Usage:</b></p> <p>I. without, out of doors</p>	
<b>Unclean vs Clean</b> (v.3)	Are <b>unclean</b> because they do not abide in the True Vine, do not keep the word or the commandments of Christ (vv.3,7,10)	Are <b>clean</b> because of the word which Jesus has spoken to them and His word has abided with them and they have kept it. (v.3,7,10)
<b>Not Abiding vs Abiding</b> in Christ (v.4,5)	Branches that <b>Do Not</b> Abide in Christ are <b>removed</b> because they bear no fruit (vv.4,5)	Branches that <b>Do</b> Abide in Christ are <b>pruned</b> so they can bear much fruit (vv.4,5)
Results of <b>Not Abiding vs Abiding</b> (v.7)	<b>No privileges</b> are received; only removal, gathering, carrying off to be burned in eternal judgement (v.7)	<b>Privileges</b> are asking whatever you wish, and it will be done for those who abide in Christ and in whom Christ's words abide (v.7)
<b>Not Glorifying</b> the Father vs <b>Glorifying</b> the Father (v.8)	<b>Do not glorify</b> the Father because they bear no fruit (v.8)	<b>Glorify</b> the Father by bearing much fruit (v.8)
<b>Not Abiding vs Abiding</b> in Christ's Love (v.9,10)	<b>Do not</b> keep His commandments and are not obedient to His word, unlike Christ who does keep and obey the commandments and word of God the Father (vv.9,10)	<b>Do</b> keep His commandments and are obedient to His word just as Christ is/was obedient to and keeps/kept His Father's commandments and word (vv.9,10)

\*A **sucker** is a plant growth that develops from the rootstock of a plant that has undergone grafting. A sucker does not originate from a seed but instead it grows from the base of the root of the plant at a certain distance away from the plant.

