



THE MASTER'S CLASS

His Guide to the Fruitful Life
John 13-17

**How can we make sure our life will
produce something valuable for God?**





John 15:1-8

**How can we be sure our lives are
fruitful for God?**



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“I am the true vine...”

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**This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit,
showing yourselves to be my disciples. (Verse 8)**

**You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you
to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. (Verse 16)**



QUESTION:

**What is the chief
end of man?**

ANSWER:

**Man's chief end is
to glorify God, and
to enjoy him forever.**

Fruit = Christlikeness

Jesus' nature, attitudes, behaviour, actions

- Empowered prayer life (vs. 7)
- Love (vs. 9)
- Obedience to God (vs. 10)
- Joy (vs. 11)



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Prune: to trim (a tree, shrub, or bush) by cutting away dead or overgrown branches or stems, especially to increase fruitfulness and growth.





Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:2-4

Pruning/Cleaning



**You are already clean because of the word I
have spoken to you.**

John 15:3

Adapted from
*Secrets of the
Vine*
by Bruce
Wilkinson

Issue:	Cleaning	Pruning
How do you know it's happening?	Pain	Pain
Why is it happening?	You're doing something wrong	You're doing something right
What needs to go?	Sin	Self
How should you feel?	Guilty, Sad	Relief, Trust
What is the right response?	Repentance: stop your Sin	Release: give God your permission
When does it stop?	When we stop sinning	When God is finished



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Remain in me, and I will 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. “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:4-5



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Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:20

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Believing, Doing, Abiding.



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Remaining will mean:

- Loving God's Word
 - Prayer
 - Participation in the Lord's Supper
 - Loving Each Other
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Jesus has chosen you to be fruitful

