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John 15

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. —John 15:1-2*

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. —John 15:11.

- Because Jesus said, “I am the true vine,” means that there must be a false one.
- Every one of us is plugged into something.
- You’re either letting God or the world flow through you.
- We are just a branch, and the vine sends nourishment through the branches.
- It’s a progression. God wants you to have fruit; He will purge you so you’ll bear more fruit, then much fruit.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. —Romans 12:2

For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. —Mark 4:28

- The Word teaches that there’s a growth process in all these verses.
- I was raised that God purges you by putting sickness on you, making your marriage fall apart, etc.
- That’s not true.

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. —John 15:3

- If you look at the word “clean,” it means “to purge,” so it defines how God purges us here in the text.
- We are purged by the Word of God.
- If you believe God is trying to teach you something through hardships and sickness, you will submit to the trouble.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. —James 4:7

- We submit to God and resist the devil.
- Not everything is from God.

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. —Acts 10:38

- Sickness is of the devil, and we must resist it.
- Don’t allow the devil to have free reign in your life.
- We are corrected and instructed by the Word of God

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. —2 Timothy 3:16-17

- The Word will make you perfect or mature.

Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: —Ephesians 4:26

- There is a godly anger—hate sin, sickness, the devil, and all he does.
- If you think God is behind the negative things in your life, you cannot hate them because you would be fighting God.

- This is a deadly doctrine.
- God does correct us, but He does it through His Word.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. —John 15:4

- How can you be in God and Him in you? It's like a branch and a vine; the branch is connected to the vine, yet the vine is flowing through the branch to give it all the nutrients it needs to accomplish what it needs to do.
- We have to abide in God.
- This is one of the biggest mistakes Christians make—seeking God in spurts and compartmentalizing their lives—having parts of their lives they don't invite God into.
- The word “abide” means it is a “fixed position.”

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. —Isaiah 26:3

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. —Colossians 3:1-3

- Abide in faith and in your relationship with the Lord.
- You **can** keep your mind focused on God all the time.
- You can worry about something all day while you're working.
- The same part of you that worries is the part that meditates. Worry is just meditating on something negative.
- If you can worry all day at work, you can meditate on God all day at work.

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. —John 15:5

- You're not the vine; God is.
- He's the one who bears fruit.
- It's your position in Christ that causes His life to flow through you.
- There are a lot of people who think they are awesome and that they are their source.
- Without Jesus, we can't do anything.
- This is why so many are frustrated—trying to do things in their own strength.
- Abiding in the Vine is your superpower!
- The vine cannot produce without the branch, but the source of everything is the vine.
- My (Andrew) only vision in life is to abide in the Lord and to do whatever He wants me to do.

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. —Psalm 37:4

- If you're delighting in the Lord, He will put His desires in your heart, and you can do what you want to do.
- Be plugged into the Vine. Run up a white flag!
- When you're plugged into the Vine, you're never without Him.
- When you come to the end of yourself, you will find the beginning of God.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. —Philippians 4:13