
John 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

Growing Gardens

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

John 15:17 This is my command: Love each other.

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Friends

Sowing Seeds, Growing Gardens- part 4

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The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 As you are going, make disciples of every nation, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the close of the age."

The Great Commission ... and love

John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 13:35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

The analogy: the vine, the branches, the fruit

The meaning: Jesus, the believers, the new believers

The model: A branch bears fruit when it abides in the vine

John 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

John 15:2 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.

John 15:3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

- *John 15:4 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.*

- *John 15:5 "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 15:6 If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

- *John 15:7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.*

The call to bear fruit

John 15:8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

The call to obey

- *John 15:10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.*

- *Matthew 4:19 Jesus said, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men."*

The call to joy

John 15:11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

The call to love

- *John 15:12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.*

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

The identity of "friends"

- *John 15:14 You are my friends if you do what I command.*
