

# SERMON NOTES

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## The Vine and the Branches

John 15

What should be God's response to a \_\_\_\_\_ life?

John 15:1-6 *"If you do not remain in Me, then you are like a branch that is thrown into the fire and burned."*

Revelation 2 *"If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place."*

1 Kings 9:4 God promised to establish \_\_\_\_\_ throne over Israel forever, as long as he was faithful.

1 Kings 11:4 *"As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after \_\_\_\_\_ ,*

1 Kings 11:11- *"Since this is your attitude and you have not kept my covenant and my decrees, which I commanded you, I will most certainly \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your subordinates."*

A person who has \_\_\_\_\_ fruit will \_\_\_\_\_ going to church.

It may seem no big deal, but to God, they are \_\_\_\_\_ themselves off from fruitfulness.

Hebrews 4:1-2 *"Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith."*

If you are a branch that bears fruit then you will never have to worry about being \_\_\_\_\_ away from God.

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."*

Romans: 11:17-22 *"If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in. Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either. Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off."*

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ vine...

Luke 20:46-47 *"Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely."*

2 Peter 2:1-3 *"there will be \_\_\_\_\_ teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them--bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them. Their destruction has not been sleeping."*

What about the believer who is a fruit bearing branch?

John 15: 2 *"while every branch that does bear fruit, He \_\_\_\_\_ so that it will be even more fruitful."*

The branch is still attached.

John 15:3 *"You are already \_\_\_\_\_ because of the word I have spoken to you..."*

John 15:4 *"\_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing..."*

John 15:7 *"...ask whatever you wish and it will be given to you... so that you bear \_\_\_\_\_ fruit..."*