

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

## Lesson Twenty One—The Gospel of John Chapter 15:1–17

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1. a) In John 15:1, Jesus says: \_\_\_\_\_ .  
In John 15:5a, Jesus says: \_\_\_\_\_ .  
b) Why do you **think** Jesus says He is the “true” vine in John 15:1?  
  
c) Write down key words and your definitions for those words from your answer in (a) above.
  
2. a) In John 15:2, what does God the Father do?  
  
b) Give examples of what you **think** each action would look like.
  
3. a) Compare and contrast: What happens when:  
You remain in the vine (verse)                      You do not remain in the vine (verse)

b) What do you think “fruit” means?

c) Who is responsible for bearing the fruit? Name each person and their responsibilities.  
See John 15: 1–8, 16.

d) Who is glorified when we bear much fruit according to John 15:8?

e) Name a time you underwent a pruning by the Father. How has your “branch” become more fruitful?

f) How concerned are you with the quality and abundance of other people’s fruit? How about your own fruit? Review your answers in (a-c) above and prayerfully consider how your concern is a help or hindrance to others and/or yourself. Write down comments in the space below.

4. a) Complete this sentence: In John 15:9, Jesus’ love to His disciples is a picture of \_\_\_\_\_’s love.

b) Who are we instructed to imitate and how can we remain in Jesus’ love?

c) Write down the specific command that Jesus gives to us and the verses where they are found.

5. a) What are the results of obedience? (See John 15:11, 14 and 16).
- b) Prayerfully consider what complete joy means and do your best to write down a definition.
- c) What is Jesus' definition of friend in John 15:14–15?
- d) How well are you remaining in Jesus' love and how does your life reflect the results of your obedience?
- e) If you are not a believer in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, sent to save all people and die for our sins, and now sense that you want to be a branch on the vine, pray to God the Father your belief in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was sent to save you and die for your sins and that you would now like to be a fruitful branch on the true vine. Let your leader and/or mentor leader know of your new relationship.

**Going Deeper:**

6. John 15:1 and 5 are the last of the great “I am” verses that Jesus spoke. Review:

John 6:35, 51

John 8:12

John 10:7, 9

John 10:11, 14

John 11:25–26

John 14:6

John 15:1, 5

Which of these revelations of the person and deity of Jesus do you feel have had the greatest impact on you this year? Why?

