



JOHN 15:1-8

Good branches that produce good fruit need:

Connection to the vine

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:4-5 NIV

Dependence on the vine

Dependence on God is not something we muster in emergencies; it is the realization that apart from His will we cannot presume even our next breath. Dependence sees God as being everything; presumption sees Him merely as a resource for dealing with crises. Dependence is an expression of faith; presumption is an act of pride. Dependence is confidence in God; presumption trusts the arm of flesh. Dependence surrenders the need to control everything; presumption attempts to seize God's throne.

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Continuance with the vine

Luke 10:38-42 NIV

Occasional Pruning

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 NIV

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.

Hebrews 12:7-8 NIV

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.

Revelation 3:19 NIV

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