

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“The Spirit-Controlled Life” – Pt. 1

“Deeper – Discovering Your Potential Through the Power of the Holy Spirit” – Pt. 9

John 15:1-4 & Selected

IN GOD’S VINEYARD:

- God the Father is the _____.
- God the Son is the _____.
- God the Holy Spirit is the _____ flowing from the True Vine to me.
- I am a _____ attached to the True Vine.

A SPIRIT-CONTROLLED LIFE:

I. Demands I have a legitimate _____ to the Vine.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.” Vs. 1

II. Demands I _____ to the Lord’s pruning process.

“Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.” Vs. 2-3

Lessons Learned from the Gardener’s Knife:

(1) Pruning is _____!

“And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.”

1 Peter 5:10

(2) Pruning is _____!

"For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives." Hebrews 12:6

(3) Pruning is _____!

"The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18

"Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by." Psalm 57:1

(4) Pruning is _____!

"Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word." Psalm 119:67

"It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes." Psalm 119:71

(5) Pruning is _____!

"Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

2 Corinthians 12:8-9

(6) Pruning is _____!

"For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

Hebrews 12:11

III. Demands I practice the essential key of _____ in Jesus if I am going to live life guided by the Holy Spirit.

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me." Vs. 4