



Sermon Notes – Steve Southards – 8/20/2023

John 15:1-2, 4-5

“I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.”

Am I selfish or selfless?

Do I overflow with joy or frustration?

Am I a person of peace or often stressed and worried?

Am I patient or often impatient and rushed?

Am I kind or harsh?

Am I content with God’s goodness or am I complacent or often restless?

Do I keep my promises or am I unfaithful to my word?

Do I show restraint or am I overly impulsive?

Galatians 5:22-23

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Self-reliance

People Pleasing

Focus on other things

Lead by feelings

Build a trellis to help you grow

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Without a structure, the branches will live their lives weighted down.

Remain in Scripture

Remain in Prayer

Remain through Rest

Remain in Christian Community