

“I AM THE TRUE VINE.”

JOHN 15:1-17

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*Since Jesus is the true vine what does he command us to do
in order that the world will know his reality.*

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² 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. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

I AM-Yahweh, One True God, I Am the Vine!

What is Jesus saying to you and me? I am the life, the power, the strength for you and me.

How is this abiding, connecting, remaining accomplished?⁴ 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. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

Abide in English means: sit still, be still, be quite, meditate, contemplate.

The original word in the NT Means: *Remain, connected, locked on, not letting go, staying connected!*

We must consciously connect with Jesus each day: How?

Pray to listen to Jesus voice primarily.

Read the Bible so as to put it into action.

Give time to others in their needs, thoughts and actions.

Proclaim the name of Jesus aloud whenever possible.

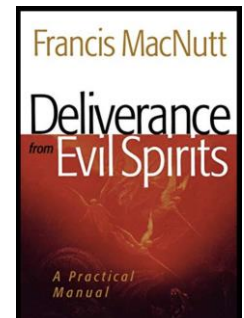
Stand up for Jesus privately and publicly.

⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

When we abide in JESUS he grants us his power.

Francis McNutt whose book I highly recommend: *Deliverance from Evil Spirits*, saw many people physically healed.

**A significant part of our power to bring healing is linked to how long we are willing to give our time praying for and with others. Abiding also means: TIME!
Sometimes a lot of time.**



¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Love one another (John 13:34 - This command occurs at least 16 times)

Be devoted to one another (Romans 12:10)

Honor one another above yourselves (Romans 12:10)

Live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16)

Build up one another (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Be likeminded towards one another (Romans 15:5)

Accept one another (Romans 15:7)

Admonish one another (Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16)

Greet one another (Romans 16:16)

Care for one another (1 Corinthians 12:25)

Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)

Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)

Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:2, 32; Colossians 3:13)

Be patient with one another (Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13)

Speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15, 25)

Be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32)

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19)

Submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21, 1 Peter 5:5)

Consider others better than yourselves (Philippians 2:3)

Look to the interests of one another (Philippians 2:4)

Bear with one another (Colossians 3:13)

Teach one another (Colossians 3:16)

Comfort one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Exhort one another (Hebrews 3:13)

Stir up [provoke, stimulate] one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24)

Show hospitality to one another (1 Peter 4:9)

Employ the gifts that God has given us for the benefit of one another (1 Peter 4:10)

Clothe yourselves with humility towards one another (1 Peter 5:5)

Pray for one another (James 5:16)

Confess your faults to one another (James 5:16)

Do not lie to one another (Colossians 3:9)

Stop passing judgment on one another (Romans 14:13)

If you keep on biting and devouring each other...you'll be destroyed by each other (Galatians 5:15)

Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other (Galatians 5:26)

Do not slander one another (James 4:11)

Don't grumble against each other (James 5:9)

We do all this because we are in a real sense “members of one another” (Romans 12:5; Ephesians 4:25).

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

1. **YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME!**
2. **I APPOINTED YOU TO BEAR FRUIT**
3. **ASK IN MY NAME AND YOU WILL RECEIVE**

This is key that unlocks the power of the Father-that key is the name and authority of JESUS.

1. **THERE IS POWER IN THE NAME OF JESUS! Philippians 2:9-10**
2. **DEMONS ARE SUBJECT TO US IN THE NAME OF JESUS! Luke 10:17**
3. **SALVATION IS FOUND IN THE NAME OF JESUS! Acts 4:12**

These things I command you, so that you will love one another. What does it mean “love one another?” Our love, generated by Jesus is not an emotion but a choice. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:35

Secret: The level to which we love Jesus is the same level we will love one another. Connect to Jesus every day and you will bear fruit that will change lives and the lives in this world.

*Jesus, you chose me, I did not choose you.
Thank you for finding me when I was so lost.
Teach me the power of your name,
how to use it properly,
and bear fruit for the Kingdom of God!*

