

FOOTSTEPS
What it Really Means to Follow Jesus

WHERE'S THE FRUIT?

John 15:1-11

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Q. What is the evidence that you are truly following Jesus?

A. Fruit.

Q. How does a Christian produce fruit?

A. By abiding in Jesus.

*I am the vine, you are the branches; He who abides in Me,
and I in Him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me
you can do nothing. John 15:5*

1. Understand that the Lord really does love you.

*Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you;
abide in my love. John 15:9*

A. The Lord wants to be with you.

B. The Lord wants what is best for you.

*He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all,
how will He not with Him freely give us all things. Romans 8:32*

C. The Lord wants you to live in His love.

*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. John 15:10*

2. Understand that the Lord really is at work in you.

I am the true vine and My father is the vinedresser. John 15:1

A. If you are unfruitful, He will discipline you.

*Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away.
John 15:2*

1. Discipline is never fun.

2. Discipline lasts as long as you disobey.

It is hard for you to kick against the goads. Acts 26:14

B. If you are fruitful, He will prune you.

*And every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it that it may
bear more fruit. John 15:2*

1. The pruning is painful.

2. The pruning is necessary.

When Jesus looks at you, does He see the fruit?