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Exploring the strange things that Jesus said.

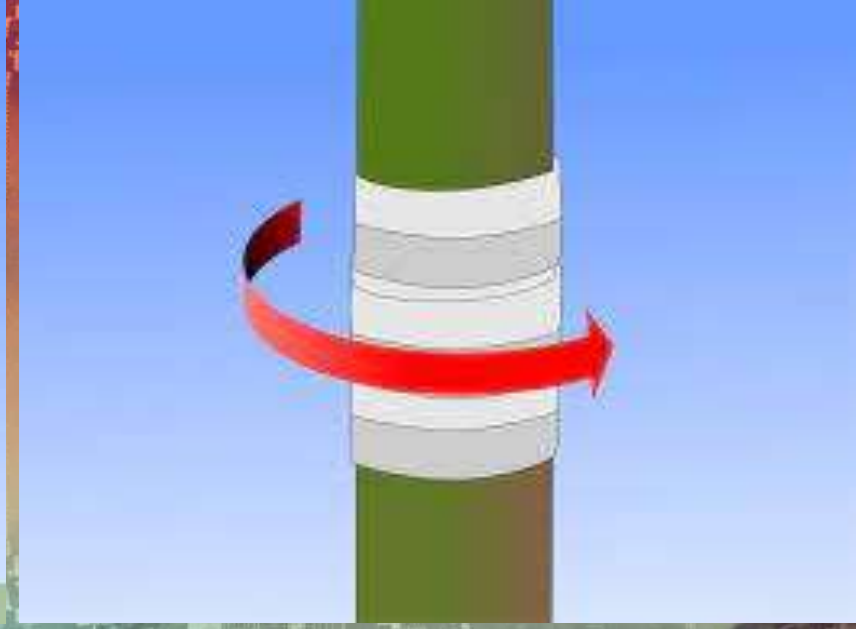
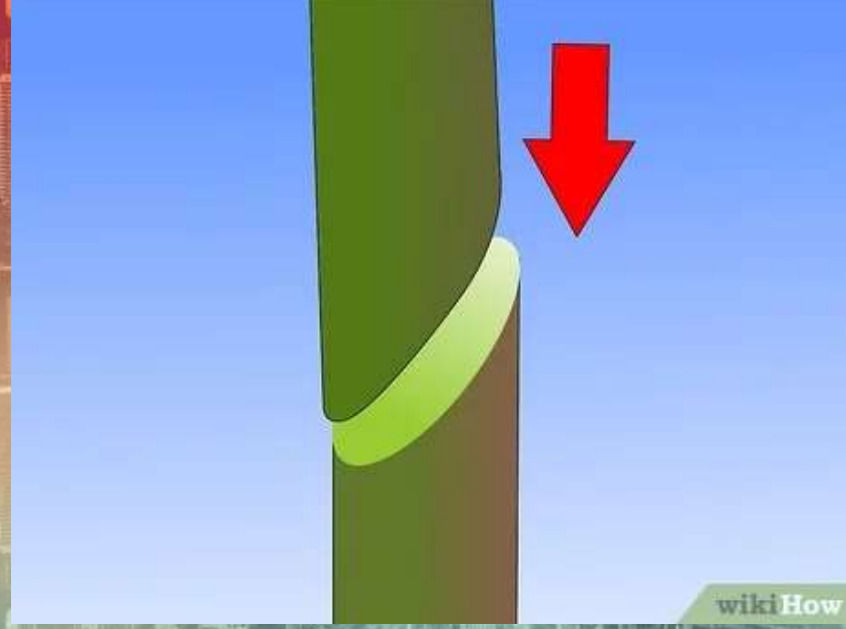
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John 15:1-11

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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.

John 15:1-11

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my 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. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

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The True Vine & The Branch

Gods' intention is for us to produce fruit. If that's not happening, God takes care of it.

The True Vine & The Branch

Fruit

Galatians 5:22

**Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness,
Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness,
Self-control**

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The True Vine & The Branch

- 1) He Purges**
 - 2) He Prunes**
 - 3) He Cleans With His Word**
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Relationship Sap

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**Since He is the Vine and we are the branch, we depend on Christ giving us what we need to produce "Fruit."
He gives, we receive, fruit is produced.**

Relationship Sap

John 15:4-7

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"When our Lord says 'Abide in me' He is talking about the will, about the choices, the decisions we take, we must decide to do things which expose ourselves to Him & keep ourselves in contact with Him. This is what it means to abide in Him."

-James Boice

Relationship Sap

John 15:7

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Remain or Burn

John 15:6

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Remain or Burn

*"Grafting a plant whose roots are **prone to a soil disease** onto a rootstock that is resistant to that disease would allow that plant to grow successfully where it would otherwise **have problems.**"*

Remain or Burn

"Real fruitfulness is only determined over an extended period of time, Genuine conversion is not measured by the hasty decision but by long-ranged faithfulness.

-Charles Erdman Sr,

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*Jesus's promise:
John 15:10-11*

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