

Fruitless or fruitful?

John 15:1-5

- I. Christ is the source of the spiritual growth and impact God has planned for you (15:1).
 - God is growing a “garden” of those who follow Christ.

- II. Christ takes us where we are and enables us to bear more fruit (15:2).
 - A. God *lifts up* branches who are *not bearing fruit* (2a).
 - *Airo (Greek) – Can mean “lift up” or “take away”*
 - God is at work in new or struggling believers to enable them to bear fruit.

 - B. God *prunes* branches to produce *more fruit* (2b).
 - *More fruit* – God does or allows what is necessary so we bear more fruit.

- III. Christ produces fruit through us as we grow in our relationship with Him (15:3-5)
 - A. *Already clean* – Fruit is produced by believers who maintain their relationship with Christ (15:3; 1 John 1:7-9).

 - B. *Abide in me – much fruit/Apart from me – no fruit* – We can bear no fruit on our own effort but Christ can produce limitless fruit if we abide in Him (15:4-5).