



## Hardship and Discipline

**John 15 and Hebrews 12:4-11**

**(Lessons from the Vine #1)**

**4-26-20**

### 1. God wants your life to be \_\_\_\_\_?

*"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last." John 15:16, NIV*

*"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10, NIV*

- A. God is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ are the branches.
- D. The grapes are our \_\_\_\_\_, dispositions, and affects in the world.

### 2. Fruitfulness comes along with \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Righteousness refers to good acts \_\_\_\_\_, not mans.

*"He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers." Psalms 1:3, NIV*

- B. You might have noticed that righteousness is not an \_\_\_\_\_ thing, not even for followers of God. It takes \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The image here is not necessarily the \_\_\_\_\_ of a nonproductive branch, but of a branch being \_\_\_\_\_.

- D. Sin is like \_\_\_\_\_ grape leaves, air and light can't get in. The branch languishes and bears no fruit.

*"In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?" Hebrews 12:4-7, NIV*

- E. A good early step is to \_\_\_\_\_ of sin, \_\_\_\_\_ it to God, and ask for \_\_\_\_\_.
- F. We only experience the pain of discipline (or unfruitfulness) as long as we \_\_\_\_\_ sin. Blessing comes from \_\_\_\_\_ our sin.