

Your Victorious Life in Christ

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Introduction: What area in your life needs Christ's victory today?

1. Your physical, mental, and emotional health?
2. Your financial progress and stability, looking ahead?
3. Your marriage or singleness?
4. Your children and grandchildren's spiritual condition?
5. Your present spiritual life?

BIG IDEA: The key to our victorious life in Christ is remaining connected and committed to Christ. How to maintain this vital relationship with Christ is the big question of this message.

Text: John 15:1-17.

A. The PARSING of the text

1. Jesus is the Vine and the Father is the Gardener (v. 1).
2. Jesus' disciples are His branches connected to Him (vv. 5, 8).
3. The **key word** is "**fruit**" mentioned **nine** times (vv. 2, 4, 5, 8, 16).
4. The **operative word** is "**remain**" mentioned **ten** times (vv. 4-7, 10).
5. The **conditional word** is "**if**" mentioned **five** times (vv. 5-7, 10, 14).

B. The PROFILE of Christ's victorious followers

1. Our **position** in Christ: He is the Vine, we are the branches (v. 5a).
2. Our **possession** in Christ: Christ's life in us being His branches (v. 5a).
3. Our **purpose** in Christ: Produce fruit for God's glory (vv. 2, 4-5, 8, 16).
4. Our **permanence** in Christ: Our choice to remain in Christ (vv. 5-6).
5. Our **prayer power** in Christ: Ask whatever you wish (vv. 7-8).
6. Our **passion** in Christ: Remain in His love and love each other (vv. 9, 12, 17).

C. The PREREQUISITE for a victorious life in Christ

The KEY to live a victorious life in Christ: get connected to Christ, grow up spiritually, after you are connected to Christ.

Get into God's Word for your spiritual food and strength to get going in the strength of the Lord (Matt. 4:4).

Rest yourself in Christ, and reach out to Him in prayer (Matt. 11:27-30; John 14:13-14).

Offer your body to God as a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1).

Wise up by winning souls to God (Prov. 11:30).

Conclusion:

Tabletalk *(For family devotions and Life Group discussions)*

Read: John 15:1-17

1. Refer to the PARSING or the analysis of this text under Point A, 1-5 of the sermon outline.
2. Reflect and respond to this text analysis for practical application.
3. PROFILE yourself as a follower of Christ, by applying to yourself the six points under Point B of the sermon outline.
4. Rate your personal practice on how to lead a victorious life in Christ, using the acronym GROW, under Point C of the sermon outline.
5. Engage in group discussion of the text (John 15:1-7) and pray.

Pray!